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OTHER BOOK TOP STORIES

- Greater B'luru Authority polls likely between June 14 and 24
- Liquor prices to rise in K'taka as govt hikes excise duty
- B'luru tops Indian cities in dowry cases: NCRB data

Vijay meets guv a third time, now 1 MLA short of being CM

CPI, CPM Pledge Support, VCK To Take Call Today

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: TVK president C Joseph Vijay moved four steps closer to the chief minister's chair Friday evening after CPI and CPM, with two MLAs each, extended their support to his party to form the govt. Yet, around midnight, he was one short of coronation.

TVK has the support of 117 legislators in the 234-member assembly as VCK is yet to give support letters from its two MLAs, which would take TVK to 119, one more than a simple majority of 118.

FULL COVERAGE: P 6
▶Can't sit next to Cong in LS, DMK tells Speaker, P 6

VCK spokesperson K K Pavalan posted a message in a media group that the party MLAs would issue letters of support to TVK Saturday. An official statement from VCK said its leader Thol Thirumavalavan would officially make an announcement Saturday.

TVK has 108 MLAs (including the second seat won by Vijay). Currently, Congress is backing it with five MLAs, CPI with two, and CPM with two.

Hours after the Left parties announced their support to TVK, Vijay called on governor R V Arlekar on Friday — for the third time since results were announced on May 4 — and word spread that he would sail through with the support of the two IUML MLAs, and the swearing-in would happen on Saturday. Then, IUML said it would not support TVK.

CPM secretary P Shanmugam said his MLAs would support TVK to prevent governor's rule in TN. "It will be like BJP entering the state through the backdoor," he said. Shanmugam said they would not be part of the cabinet.

Meanwhile, AMMK general secretary T T V Dhinakaran met the governor requesting him to invite AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami to form the govt. Speaking to the media outside Lok Bhavan, TTV alleged his party's lone MLA was incommunicado, and blamed TVK for his "disappearance".

With TVK appearing to touch the tape, reports of an AIADMK govt supported by DMK fizzled out.

4 DAYS OF NUMBER-CRUNCHING

Photo: IANS

TVK chief Vijay with TN governor R V Arlekar on Friday

- **Ahead of TVK staking claim on Friday, three possibilities played out in TN:** TVK govt backed by Cong, the Left parties and VCK; an AIADMK rebellion and breakaway faction joining TVK; and DMK's dramatic bid to back an AIADMK govt
- While two AIADMK legislators plotted a defection (plan B), **AIADMK chief S Palaniswami began talks with Stalin's son** and MLA Udayanidhi Stalin on plan C, the unprecedented tieup of the Dravidian majors
- To pre-empt any defection, on May 6, **EPS corralled the newly elected MLAs to resorts** in Puducherry
- On May 7, **Stalin met DMK MLAs, broached the idea of a DMK-backed AIADMK** govt and said the leadership would decide. VCK chief, however, met him at night, apparently to discuss an amicable separation
- TVK broke its silence on the matter and engaged the AIADMK plotters on Thursday as the Left and VCK continued to prevaricate. **As soon as CPM and CPI declared their support,** TVK junked the AIADMK defection plan

Kerala CM-hopefuls to meet Cong leadership

The Congress leadership has summoned the 3 contenders for Kerala CM's post — VD Satheesan, Ramesh Chennithala and KC Venugopal — for discussions after AICC observers who met MLAs submitted a report to party chief Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi. Sources said most MLAs preferred Venugopal even as rallies are being held in support of Satheesan. Though KPCC directed workers to refrain from holding demonstrations and erecting boards in support of any leader, rallies pledging support to Satheesan are being held in across the state. **P 6**

Why governor can't question majority

From the landmark S R Bommai judgment in 1994 to Rameshwar Prasad in 2006, the SC has ruled consistently that a governor has no option but to invite the single largest party or a post-poll alliance to form the govt after elections. Rameshwar Prasad judgment castigated the UPA govt for dissolving Bihar assembly and imposing President's rule on a report from then governor that there was no JD(U) and BJP pre-poll alliance and their coming together smacked of horse-trading in MLAs. **P 6**

Bengal's Adhikari: Suvendu to be state's first BJP CM

Sole Choice, No Other Name Proposed: Shah

Rohit Khanna & Tamaghna Banerjee | TNN

Kolkata: BJP's Suvendu Adhikari staked claim Friday to form the first saffron govt in Bengal after being unanimously elected leader of the 207-strong legislature party, paving the way for him to take oath Saturday as the state's ninth chief minister.

Union home minister Amit Shah, who had a hand in bringing one-time Mamata aide Adhikari from Trinamool Congress to BJP in 2020, spoke eloquently about how the East Midnapore strongman epitomised what BJP aspired to achieve in the state.

"We received eight proposals and all of them had one name. Adequate time was given for a second name, but none was proposed. Therefore, I announce Suvendu Adhikari as the chief minister of Bengal," Shah said after a meeting with the BJP legislators. "I have known Suvendu for long. He is a fighter and has been in administration, too. He, along with our team, will be successful in delivering good governance in Bengal. He has fought, and his fight has brought results today."

▶Writers' Buildings to turn saffron today, P 6

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Adhikari, elected BJP legislative party chief, with Amit Shah

Adhikari met governor R N Ravi soon after to submit the list of BJP MLAs supporting him. The swearing-in, scheduled for 10am Saturday at Kolkata's Brigade Parade Grounds, will be held in the presence of PM Modi and several Union ministers and CMs of NDA-run states.

Adhikari, who credited PM Modi with earning a "historic mandate", said the BJP govt would "talk less, work more".

"In our governance, there will be no 'I', only 'we'. There is no place for what I or someone personally thinks in this govt. Here, the party and organisation come first and we will work accordingly." Shah said the govt would work to fulfil the dream of a "Sonar Bangla", with the focus on development, infrastructure and good governance.

▶Freed from fear, P 6

2 dy CMs likely; Dilip Ghosh, Paul may get berths

Kolkata: While BJP named Adhikari its CM-designate on Friday, identities of his cabinet members have been kept under wraps, though there have been clear hints, **reports Rohit Khanna**. With Adhikari hailing from East Midnapore, several MLAs from Kolkata and surrounding areas could be accommodated in the cabinet, which is also likely to include several women faces.

Top BJP functionaries, who have already started arriving in Kolkata, were huddled in a meeting at a New Town hotel when reports last came in. Bengal BJP sources suggested that two deputy CMs are being considered.

Frontrunners for cabinet berths include Swapan Dasgupta, Dilip Ghosh, Agnimitra Paul, and Nisith Pramanik, they said. Earlier, while delivering his speech after the BJP legislative party meeting, Amit Shah lauded the hard work of BJP's former national vice-president Dilip Ghosh and Agnimitra Paul.

Ghosh has won from Kharagpur Town and Paul from Asansol South.

Shah noted the "symbol of protest" portrayed by candidates like Ratna Debnath, Rekha Patra and Kalita Maji.

▶End cut money culture, P 6

Novak Djokovic beaten by a Croatian qualifier

Novak Djokovic was beaten by a Croatian qualifier 18 years younger than him at the Italian Open on Friday in his first match after two months out due to a right shoulder injury. The 20-year-old Dino Prizmic defeated the record 24-time Grand Slam champion 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 with an ace on his first match point.

4 Kenya cheetahs may head to Guj

Gujarat may become India's second cheetah state after MP with NTCA approving the translocation of two male-female pairs from Kenya to Banni in Kutch by Aug. **Other Book, P 4**

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Blast at Gzb factory kills 2, 1 loses hand

Two workers died and a third suffered grievous injuries as the blast blew off his hand when a compressor exploded during a routine testing process at a factory in Sahibabad on Thursday. TNN

SBI net profit up 6%, shares tumble 6.6%

SBI reported a 5.8% rise in standalone net profit at Rs 19,684 crore for the March quarter. Its shares fell 6.6% to Rs 1,019.6 on the BSE, compared with a 0.7% decline in the benchmark index. **P 11**

Govt caps weekly work hours at 48

Centre has capped weekly working hours at 48 under the new labour codes, beyond which workers will be paid double the amount of hourly wages. States will have to notify their rules.

IN THE COURTS

- SC directs immediate **release of a murder convict on life term who remained in prison for past 22 years** without parole, with case not forwarded for sentence remission even after 14 years. Apex court says HC should have taken sympathetic approach | **Other book, P 5**
- **Mere infiltration** into India illegally by B'deshi nationals **not terror activity**, SC says, grants bail | **Other bk, P 5**
- SC **rejects FIR clubbing plea of scamster** who fled to Dubai, says thousands of people can't travel to a place of his convenience | **Other bk, P 5**
- MP HC **quashes FIR against Muslim teacher for uploading Urdu poem**, says it is a nazm, doesn't hurt religious sentiments
- Cong MP Shashi **Tharoor moves Delhi HC against publication of AI-generated deepfake** videos purportedly showing him 'praising Pak'

We're extremely shy of ordering arrest, says SC on ADAG probe

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New Delhi: Supreme Court on Friday said that since it is monitoring CBI and ED probes into the alleged siphoning of Rs 30,000 crore from bank loans by the Anil Ambani-led ADAG companies, it would be extremely shy to order the arrest of any person.

Petitioner IAS officer (retd) E A S Sarma, through advocate Prashant Bhushan, said even though a CBI chargesheet in one of the bank loan fraud scam cases names Anil Ambani, his son Jai Anmol Ambani and Yes Bank's Rana Kapoor, the probe agencies are arresting only ADAG officials and not touching the "kingpin" as if he is a "holy cow".

▶Other Book, P 9

China: Provided on-site tech assistance to Pak during Operation Sindoor

Beijing: For the first time, China has confirmed it provided on-site technical support to Pakistan during Operation Sindoor last year, according to official media reports.

China's state broadcaster CCTV on Thursday aired an interview with Zhang Heng, an engineer from the Aviation Industry Corporation of China's (AVIC) Chengdu Aircraft Design and Research Institute, a key developer of China's advanced fighter aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicle design.

Zhang had provided technical support to Pakistan during the four-day war last May, Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported, quoting CCTV.

Pakistan's air force operates a fleet of Chinese-made J-10CE jets, produced by an AVIC subsidiary. PTI

▶Combat potential, P 7

SC: Take call on prosecution nod against MP min

More than a year after MP minister Kunwar Vijay Shah sparked a row for 'obnoxiously' linking Col Sofiya Qureshi to Operation Sindoor, SC Friday appeared in no mood to condone his misdemeanour and asked the state govt to take a call on SIT's request for sanction of his prosecution.

The court noted, "The statement was most unfortunate, and it appears he had no sense of repentance." SC said this is not the only instance of Shah making obnoxious statements and asked the SIT to find out other instances of such remarks by him. **Other bk, P 4**

Fuel price hike coming? Oil PSUs losing almost ₹30,000cr per month

Atul Mathur & Dipak Dash | TNN

New Delhi: The govt on Friday said state-run oil companies are losing nearly Rs 30,000 crore a month by selling petrol, diesel and domestic LPG below market prices, signalling mounting financial pressure and the possibility of fuel price increases in the coming weeks.

Official sources said though the govt and oil marketing companies had absorbed the higher costs for more than two months, there was a growing recognition within the govt that the arrangement could not be sustained "indefinitely".

Asked whether the govt was considering a fuel price increase, Sujata Sharma, the joint secretary in petroleum ministry, didn't respond to the question directly. "The endeavour so far has been to see that there is no price increase," she told a press meet.

Officials said countries such as Japan, Spain and France have increased pump prices by 30-35% since the West Asia war began, but India has not. The cost of crude for Indian refiners has shot up from $69 a barrel in Feb (average) to $114.4 last month.

The cost of crude has been averaging $105.4 a barrel so far in May. Brent crude hovered at nearly $100 a barrel Friday. The rupee cost has shot up further due to the currency weakening against the dollar.

▶Other book, P 9

Don: If ceasefire fails, you will see big glow

US forces disabled two Iranian oil tankers Friday after a clash in the Strait of Hormuz. However, Trump said the ceasefire still holds, but warned that if it failed, "you're going to see one big glow coming out of Iran", a remark that ringed of nuclear threat. **Other bk, P 12**

'Test-launch of ICBM' off Odisha coast

DRDO launched the maiden test of a nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile off the Odisha coast on Friday, **TOI** has learnt. DRDO is yet to officially announce the test. "Though the test doesn't look like that of Agni-6, the missile tested today is of ICBM category," a defence source said. Only four countries — US, Russia, China and North Korea — possess ICBM technology and have deployed ICBMs with over 12,000-km range. **Other book, P 9**

GPS watch for Haj pilgrims 'doesn't work'

Among the costs Haj travellers were asked to bear was Rs 7,000 for a GPS-enabled smartwatch that each of the 1.2 lakh pilgrims was mandated to carry as a first-of-its-kind initiative. But pilgrims say the device isn't turning on, not holding charge and not "tracking" anyone. **Other book, P 9**

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A US **trade court rules President Donald Trump's 10% temporary global duties are unjustified under a 1970s trade law**, but blocks levies only for two private importers and the State of Washington

Russian President Vladimir **Putin is ready to negotiate with "everyone", including Europeans,** Kremlin says after Financial Times reported that European Union leaders were preparing for potential talks

Former CEO of SriLankan Airlines **Kapila Chandrasena, who was charged with taking a kickback on purchase of aircraft and jailed, found dead** at his home under suspicious circumstances after getting bail recently

UK Prime Minister **Keir Starmer insists he will not resign after bruising elections** that saw his Labour Party suffer big losses and the hard-right party Reform UK make major gains

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- Suvendu Adhikari is Bengal first BJP chief minister
- Fuel price hike coming? Oil PSUs losing almost Rs 30k cr

AI171 crash probe report in a month

The investigation into the Air India flight AI171 crash is in its final stages, and the report is expected within a month, Union civil aviation minister Rammohan Naidu said Friday. The Boeing 787-8 aircraft burst into flames, killing 241 on board and 19 persons on ground. TNN

FIR against 200 for tying leopard's legs

The wildlife division in UP's Pilibhit Friday registered a case under Wildlife Protection Act against 200 people in Deura village for allegedly tying a leopard's legs and dragging it. The incident took place at 9am after villagers spotted two leopards moving through agricultural fields, about 3.5km from core forest area. TNN

Teen, sis-in-law escape crocodile using sickles

Suman, 16, and her sister-in-law, Dropa Devi, 40, were cutting cattle fodder along Kali riverbank in Aligarh when a crocodile attacked the teen. The reptile clamped its jaws around her hand, but the duo repeatedly struck near its eye using a sickle, forcing it to retreat. TNN

SEC eyes June 14-24 date for civic elections in Bengaluru

May Announce Date If GBA Doesn't Get Extension From Apex Court

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: The Karnataka State Election Commission (SEC) Friday announced its willingness to hold the long-pending GBA elections on a date between June 14 and June 24, after a meeting with GBA and five city corporation commissioners.

With the Supreme Court directing that the elections be completed before June 30 and a compliance report be submitted thereafter, the SEC has intensified preparations to finalise the election schedule.

On Friday, state election commissioner GS Sangreshi chaired a high-level meeting with the commissioners and senior election officials to review poll preparedness and logistical arrangements.

"We are ready from our side to hold the elections and we will go ahead and announce the election date very soon. Today, we held a meeting with the commissioners and they explained the problems and difficulties they are facing in conducting the elections, which they have also submitted before the Supreme Court. We asked them if they wanted to suggest any date between June 14 and June 24 for holding the elections, but we did not receive any specific suggestion from them," Sangreshi said after the meeting.

The department of personnel and administrative reforms wrote to the SEC in April seeking an extension of the deadline to Sept 30, 2026, citing administrative and logistical difficulties in conducting polls immediately after the restructuring of Bengaluru's civic administration into five city corporations. The SEC has brought this letter to the Supreme Court's attention.

▶No shortage of funds, P 3

GBA OFFICIALS FLAG CHALLENGES

- SEC **seeks clarity from GBA officials** on whether they had any preference for an election date within the June 14-24 window
- GBA officials **cite multiple challenges, including a shortage of manpower and simultaneous administrative exercises** currently underway in the city
- GBA chief commissioner **acknowledges attending SEC meeting,** refrains from commenting about GBA's stand on discussions

Bengaluru has not had elected corporators for nearly a decade, with the previous BBMP council's term ending in 2020 after the last civic elections held in 2015

Liquor prices to rise in K'taka as state govt hikes excise duty

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Bengaluru: From Monday, buying your favourite alcoholic beverage in Karnataka will cost you more, as the state govt has notified a fresh round of excise duty hikes according to the final draft rates published by the department Friday. This is likely to make premium whisky, imported liquor, canned beer and strong beer more expensive.

The steepest hike hits spirits sold through regular distributor licensees — brandy, whisky, gin, rum and Indian-made foreign liquor (IMFL) — where the additional duty now ranges from Rs 50 to Rs 3,700 based on alcohol content, regardless of whether the product is made in Karnataka, brought from other Indian states, or imported.

REVISED DUTY

- **For IMFL** (whisky, brandy, rum, gin, etc): ₹1,000 per litre of pure alcohol
- **Beer** (with up to 5% alcohol): ₹12 per litre
- **Beer** (above 5% and up to 8% alcohol): ₹20 per litre
- **Draught Beer** (with up to 5% alcohol): ₹12 per litre
- **Draught Beer** (above 5% and up to 8% alcohol): ₹20 per litre

For bottled beer, the additional duty now ranges from Rs 800 to Rs 2,700 per litre of pure alcohol, with a flat Rs 2 per litre additional countervailing duty (a specific import tax) across all slabs.

For canned and tinned beer, the lowest slab starts at Rs 750 per case.

The latest addition to the rules is the introduction of a new definition — 'alcohol-in-beverage (AIB)' — which means the alcohol content/volume per litre of liquor.

The govt had first published the draft rules on liquor prices on April 18 this year.

At the time, excise minister R B Timmapur had said that Rs 1,000 per litre excise duty on pure alcohol would remain unchanged and additional excise duty would be charged based on alcohol content.

Karnataka is the first state to introduce taxation based on alcohol content.

According to the new excise duty rules, the basic rate of duty is set at differential rates for both liquor and beer, depending upon their alcohol content.

In addition to that, fresh excise duties released on Friday will be added to the base rates.

K'taka logs 2L dogbite cases, 25 rabies deaths in 4 months

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Bengaluru: In just the first four months of 2026, Karnataka has recorded more than two lakh dog-bite cases, with 25 of those resulting in rabies-related deaths.

The highest number of cases — 13,997 — was reported in Vijayapura, followed by the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) region with 13,412 cases, involving both stray as well as pet dogs.

However, the highest number of rabies-related deaths — six — was recorded in Bengaluru Urban district this year. Other districts reporting a high number of rabies deaths include Ballari and Bagalkot.

Over the last three years, Karnataka has reported a steady rise in dogbite cases and related deaths. In 2023, Karnataka had recorded over 2.3 lakh dogbite cases and 18 deaths. In 2024, the number rose to 3.6 lakh cases, with 40 deaths. In 2025, the state reported close to five lakh cases and 52 deaths.

▶Contd on Other Book, P 5

DOG BITES DOUBLE IN TWO YEARS

- Vijayapura district **records highest dog bite** cases — 13,997, GBA areas record 13,412
- Bengaluru Urban records **highest rabies-related deaths** with six fatalities
- Dog **bite cases in K'taka rise** from 2.3L in 2023 to nearly 5L in 2025
- State rolls out SAPRE **to eliminate rabies** in humans by 2030

BCCI warns IPL over honey-trap risks, breaches

BCCI has warned IPL franchises about honey-trapping risks and situation that could lead to possible sexual misconduct allegations during the tournament. In an advisory, secretary Devajit Saikia urged teams to stay vigilant after reported protocol breaches involving players and staff. The board highlighted concerns over unauthorised visitors entering hotel rooms sans team managers' approval, warning such incidents could damage the reputations of franchises and BCCI, reports Gaurav Gupta. P 13

- IPL's 'reel' life under the scanner, P 13

At 87%, B'luru tops Indian cities in dowry cases: NCRB report

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Bengaluru: The Karnataka capital reported the highest number of cases in the country under the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, with 878 incidents recorded in National Crime Records Bureau's (NCRB) 'Crime in India 2024' report.

Out of a total of 1,008 dowry-related cases registered across the country's metropolitan cities, roughly 87% were from Bengaluru alone.

In comparison, Lucknow, which is second on the list, reported only 48 cases.

Bengaluru recorded 25 dowry-related deaths in 2024. While the figure was lower than Delhi's 109, it exceeded those reported in several other South Indian cities, including Chennai, Kozhikode, Kochi and Coimbatore, which recorded no such deaths during the year. Hyderabad reported 14 dowry deaths.

DOWRY DEATHS 25

- B'luru records **878 cases – highest among cities –** under Dowry Prohibition Act in 2024
- Lucknow **ranks second** with 48 cases
- K'taka capital **Bengaluru reports 25** dowry deaths
- B'luru tops metros in **crimes against women** with 1,051 cases

Source: Crime in India 2024 Report, NCRB

Among crimes against women recorded under special and local laws (SLL), Bengaluru topped all metropolitan cities with 1,051 incidents. In terms of incidents where criminal force was used to outrage a woman's modesty, Bengaluru logged the highest number of cases at 897, followed by Mumbai with 857.

Karnataka recorded 2,947 cases of cruelty against wives by husbands or in-laws. Uttar Pradesh reported the highest number of such cases at 21,266, followed by Rajasthan with 10,578 and Maharashtra with 10,538.

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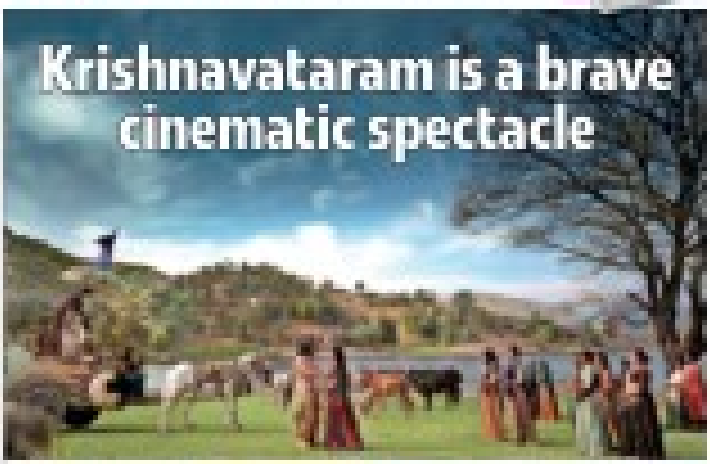

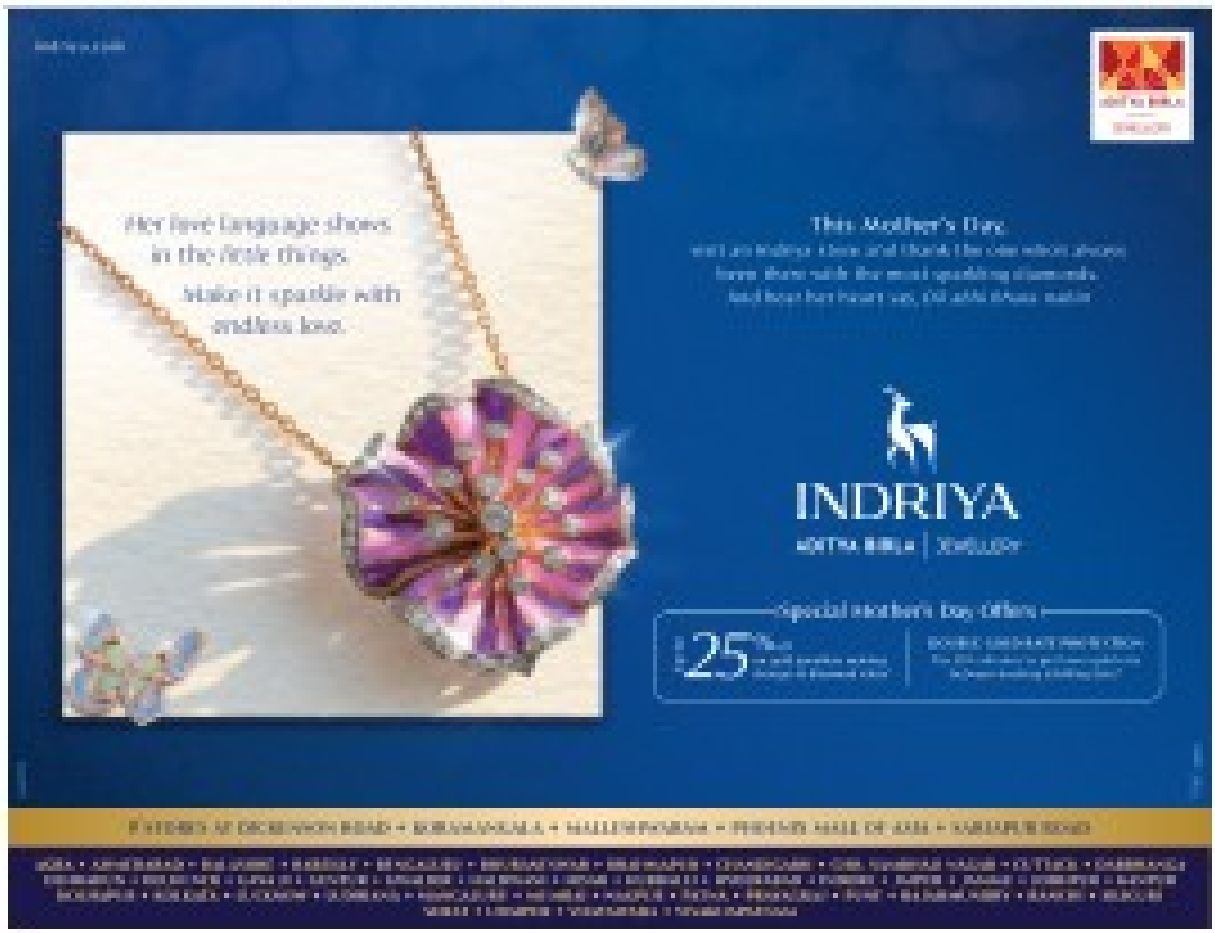

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Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Act [Pursuant to section 374(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the Companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

1.Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days hereinafter to the Registrar of Companies, Karnataka, that M/s **PRANITH HOLDINGS,** a partnership firm having its principal place of business at No. 70/7, Prizm Greystone, First Floor, Unit No 105, Millers Road, Bengaluru - 560052, may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares as **FAIRLARK PRANITH INFRASTRUCTURE PRIVATE LIMITED** (hereafter referred to as the "Company") or such other name as approved by the Registrar of Companies / Central Registration Centre (CRC).

2. The principal objects of the Company are as follows: -

Developing Commercial Complex, Villas, Vilaments, Row houses, Town houses, Apartments, condominiums, Hotels, Guest Houses, Malls, IT Buildings, Plot developments, layouts etc., and to do all other allied businesses incidental to the main business.

3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed Company may be inspected at the office at No. 70/7, Prizm Greystone, First Floor, Unit No 105, Millers Road, Bengaluru - 560052.

4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No.6,7,8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, Gurgaon – 122 050, Haryana, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the Company at its proposed registered office at No. 70/7, Prizm Greystone, First Floor, Unit No 105, Millers Road, Bengaluru - 560052.

Sd/-
1) N Madhava Raju
2) N Keshava Raju
(Name of the Applicants)
Date: 08-05-2026

TENDERS

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FINDING THEIR VOICE AGAIN:
Choir singing makes growing older lighter

Silver Songbirds, founded by Nirupama Rao, allows seniors to connect & express themselves

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A NEST OF SINGING BIRDS: The Silver Songbirds of Bengaluru, a community choir that helps seniors rediscover joy, friendship and purpose, performed at Sabha recently. (left) For Nishka Crishna, singing in a choir is like living in a community. "You share space, modulate your voice to accommodate others, and learn when to lead and when to follow," she says.

> The Silver Songbirds of Bengaluru provides a platform for the older voice, bringing together lives that are weathered by the years, seasoned by many sunrises and sunsets. The members sing for the sheer joy of building a sense of harmony and fellowship in what are troubled and turbulent times. The sheer enthusiasm and commitment our members bring to the project is soul-strengthening and so uplifting. In a world that often feels fractured and hurried, music helps us recover a sense of balance, of listening, and of shared humanity
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> **Nirupama Rao** | FOUNDER, THE SILVER SONGBIRDS OF BENGALURU AND FORMER INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR TO THE US, CHINA AND SRI LANKA

Bernadette D'Souza never misses her community choir rehearsals, which are scheduled twice a month. At 80, these gatherings give her something to look forward to.

"Singing with others fills my heart with warmth, laughter, and belonging. Each rehearsal lifts my spirits, and every song seems like a celebration of life and memories," she says, speaking with the sparkle of someone much younger.

Bernadette, who was a part of various choirs while living in Mumbai, lost her husband 26 years ago. After her loss, responsibilities, and practical demands of life quietly pushed her old passions aside. For years she had carried a small regret without naming it too often: she never managed to join a choir again.

> Our upcoming events include a performance planned at the bandstand in Cubbon Park, and a performance tour to Thailand in November featuring songs in multiple languages. I was on a ventilator for five days recently due to blood pressure complications, now have kidney damage and am on dialysis twice a week. Despite this, I feel grateful for a second chance. Music and Silver Songbirds keep me going and give me happiness.
>
> **Reshma Rebecca Mittal** | CHORISTER

The Silver Songbirds of Bengaluru, the city's first seniors' choir, has allowed her to tick off one thing from her bucket list. Her voice, rusty at first, returned little by little, rehearsal by rehearsal.

Like Bernadette, Maya Menon is also reigniting her passion for music. Menon, who was a part of her school choir, rues that teaching for decades ruined her singing voice. However, the joy of being one voice amongst many, of listening and blending with each other to create harmony, she says, is a magical feeling.

Community Choir To Perform At Cubbon Park Bandstand

For Nirupama Rao, 75, former diplomat and the Indian ambassador to the US, China and Sri Lanka, music has been more than a personal refuge. "As a diplomat and ambassador, I often felt that where words reached their limits, music could still build bridges of understanding and empathy. That belief led to the founding of the South Asian Symphony Foundation, an effort to bring young musicians from across our region together in harmony, quite literally. My husband, Sudhakar Rao, (former chief secretary of Karnataka) and I carried that spirit into a more intimate space when we started the Silver Songbirds of Bengaluru, inspired by the wonderful work of the Sri Lankan musician, Soundarie David Rodrigo, who had started a similar group in Colombo," Rao told TOI.

The songs are curated by Rao and the choir directors Juanita Jayant in Bengaluru and Soundarie David Rodrigo, who visits from Sri Lanka, based on popular suggestions from the group as well as what would work well for members to sing and harmonise, explains Nishka Crishna, a chorister. "Singers span all ranges of voices from high sopranos, mezzo-sopranos, altos and deep, low basses."

"Membership is open to people above 50. We welcome all who seek the joy of music," says Mendonca, adding the choir currently has around 30 women and 10 men. Jaidev Raja, who took an early retirement, always loved listening to music, especially instrumental music, blues and rock, but never sang in a choir before. "It feels surreal to be in a choir," says the 71-year-old.

Anupama Bijur, a chorister who works as vice-president (marketing) at PeakAlpha Investments notes that the choir has something for everyone — from a Malayalam lullaby and a lively Baila to a Kannada film song and a Broadway favourite.

Singing Together Builds Bonds And Heals Emotionally

Attendees bring food to share, creating a Sunday afternoon picnic-like atmosphere. Ammu Joseph, journalist and author, looks forward to the rehearsals. "It has been fun meeting old friends and acquaintances in a different setting and also getting to know others and even discovering common connections," says the 72-year-old.

In the 1970s, she sang alto with pride at Women's Christian College in Chennai. Now, standing among the others, Ammu finds herself recovering something she thought had been left behind. "It has been an enjoyable experience being part of this community choir, getting my voice back in shape, reprising my identity as an alto and learning new songs to sing together," she says.

Reshma Rebecca Mittal, 66, was a housewife, and after her husband died of cancer, she took on family responsibilities. Looking back, she says music helped her heal emotionally. A long-time choir singer and music lover, Mittal has been a member of the St Mark's Cathedral Choir for over 15 years and sings with the Bangalore Musical Association choir.

> It is truly heartwarming to hear so many different voices come together in unison. The choristers take their homework seriously, and there's even some healthy competition between the altos and sopranos, all vying for our choir director Soundarie David Rodrigo's approval.
>
> **Anupama Bijur** | CHORISTER

While talking to Silver Songbirds, you realise there are no illusions about age among them. Knees ache. Names occasionally slip away. Breath needs managing. Yet they find a lot of bliss in a shared effort.

During the tea break, choristers lingered near the doorway, many still smiling from the final song. And in that small hall in Bengaluru, with songs old and new floating into the dusk, growing older did seem lighter.

Parul with her daughter Pranya Baliker

SUNSHINE IN A BOWL

Parul Balikere

My favourite plant-based milk is coconut milk. It's easy to extract, and when made at home, the shelf life is easily up to a week or more.

My family enjoys the freshness of mangoes, but as a dessert, we all love mango chia pudding. It's not only easy but quick to make, has few calories, is nutritionally dense, and cooling for the body.

My friends and extended family relish this refreshing pudding and have it guilt-free. The sweetness of mangoes, the goodness of chia seeds, and the tropical taste of coconut milk make it highly palatable. I also add ice apples to the pudding as they boost immunity and skin health.

INGREDIENTS

- Coconut milk - 1 1/4 cup
- Mangoes (sweet) - 2
- Chia seeds - 3 to 4 tbsp (These can be replaced by sabja, aka basil seeds)
- Coconut yoghurt - 2-3 tbsp OR cashew cream (soak 10 cashews for a few hours and blend with some water)
- Maple syrup / raw unrefined sugar / coconut sugar - 3 tbsp
- Cinnamon powder - 1/4 tsp
- Ice apple - optional
- Fruits to garnish - grapes, kiwi, mangoes

METHOD

Soak chia seeds in coconut milk and add cinnamon powder along with a sweetener of your choice. Stir in well, and after five minutes, stir again. Refrigerate for four to six hours.

Once it has thickened, add the ice apple pieces. Make a purée of one mango with some coconut milk (thick consistency). Setting the pudding in a jar or a glass

At the bottom, place the mango purée and layer it with the coconut yoghurt or cashew cream. Next, add the chia mixture and top it with mango pieces. Repeat the chia mixture and garnish with mango and other fruits of your choice.

Parul Balikere is a Yoga and wellness instructor

Cobra rescued with 26 hatchlings

Another cobra and 26 hatchlings found inside a burrow near the wall of a house at Kudumadka in Neriya village near Mangaluru were rescued Wednesday and safely released into the forest area of Charmadi Thursday.

The rescue was carried out by Anil PA, popularly known as 'Snake Anil', a snake rescuer and member of the emergency response team of Sri Dharmasthala Shaurya disaster management team. He said one Srinivasa Gowda first contacted him a few days ago, after noticing a cobra frequently moving around the wall of his house. However, Anil was then engaged in another rescue operation. By the time he called back, he was told that the snake was no longer visible.

"On Wednesday, Gowda again informed me that the cobra had reappeared. When I rescued the mother cobra, we noticed several hatchlings inside a burrow near the wall," he said. Anil carefully rescued all 26 hatchlings and later released them along with the mother snake at a safe location inside Charmadi forest area. According to Anil, the hatchlings were likely born around 10 days ago and were found to be healthy. TNN

No shortage of funds for elections: Poll panel chief

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In the absence of any interim relief from Supreme Court, SEC is expected to formally announce the election date in the coming days and proceed with the poll process within the court-mandated timeline.

Supreme Court has not yet passed any order on the request for extension. Sangreshi made it clear that until any direction is issued by the court, the SEC would continue preparations as per the original deadline fixed by the apex court. "So far, Supreme Court has not issued any order regarding the extension sought by GBA. Therefore, we are proceeding with our preparations and following the guidelines issued by the court," he said.

According to sources present at the meeting, SEC sought clarity from GBA officials on whether they had any preference for an election date within the June 14-24 window. However, no specific date suggestion was made by the civic body officials.

The SEC commissioner said GBA officials cited multiple challenges, including a shortage of manpower and simultaneous administrative exercises currently underway in the city.

"GBA has informed us that they are facing a shortage of manpower to conduct elections as the census-related works and SIR process are happening simultaneously. They also pointed out

that since it is the rainy season, additional manpower may be required to handle rain-related emergencies and civic issues," he explained.

GBA chief commissioner Maheshwar Rao, who acknowledged attending the meeting, refrained from commenting about GBA's stand on the discussions about the civic elections.

Responding to concerns regarding availability of funds for conducting elections, Sangreshi clarified that the State Election Commission has adequate financial resources and there was no shortage of funds for the electoral process. "There is always sufficient funding available with the State Election Commission for conducting elections. There is no dearth of funds for this purpose," he said.

Sources said the SEC initially considered holding discussions with the chief minister and deputy chief minister before finalising the election schedule. However, Friday's meeting was conducted without their presence.

Keonics to pay ₹5.6L it denied to firm

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The commercial court held that a contractor cannot be made to suffer without funds over an internal inquiry that has no direct connection to its work

Bengaluru: A commercial court in Bengaluru has directed Karnataka State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd (Keonics) to pay over Rs 5.6 lakh dues, plus 12% per annum interest, to city-based Mechelek MEP Projects Pvt Ltd, which it had not paid for equipment bought, citing a 'govt inquiry'.

In Oct 2019, Keonics floated a notification inviting expressions of interest, following which both parties signed an agreement on Feb 1, 2020. Pursuant to a purchase order worth Rs 29 lakh issued on Dec 16, 2021, Mechelek supplied and installed microprocessor controlled smart solar-operated mini high mast LED lights for the rural development and panchayat raj department office in Hunagunda. The firm raised its tax invoice on July 8, 2023, upon completion of work.

Against the invoice, Keonics paid a little over Rs 23.1 lakh by its own admission, while Mechelek's ledger showed the amount received as Rs 22.4 lakh. When asked about the balance of over Rs 5.6 lakh, Keonics said it had simply withheld GST component due to an ongoing govt inquiry.

Despite repeated follow-ups, there was no further response from Keonics. The firm issued a legal notice on Aug 2, 2024, demanding dues with 24% annual interest, which the officials neither paid nor bothered to reply to.

When Mechelek approached the district legal services authority, Keonics did not appear there either. Fed up, the firm filed a suit before the commercial court on Aug 13, 2025.

In its defence, Keonics, represented by its managing director, argued that the balance GST amount was withheld following audit observations by the comptroller and auditor general of Karnataka, which flagged procurement irregularities worth Rs 500 crore in Keonics operations between 2018-19 and 2023-24. The state govt had constituted an inquiry committee on Feb 3, 2024, and Keonics contended it put payments to all suppliers from that date on hold pending the committee's report. It claimed this was done in good faith to protect public funds. The Keonics MD admitted he had no personal knowledge of the transaction, that no inquiry list naming Mechelek had been placed before the court.

The court, headed by sessions judge Anand T Chavan, on April 7 ordered Keonics to pay the full claim of Rs 5.6 lakh with 12% per annum interest from July 8, 2023.

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Govt plan no antidote for snakebite

4,000 Cases Reported From Jan to April

Karnataka Saw 39 Deaths in 4 Months

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Bengaluru: Karnataka is witnessing a sharp rise in snakebite cases this year despite the state rolling out a dedicated action plan to tackle the problem.

According to Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), between Jan and the last week of April, Karnataka recorded 3,939 snakebite cases and 39 related deaths. April alone accounted for 961 bites and 11 deaths. Karnataka had reported 3,295 bites and 19 deaths during the same period in 2025, while 2024 saw 2,056 bites and 11 deaths.

Health department officials attributed the spike partly to rising temperatures and seasonal changes, but also to better reporting after snakebite was declared a notifiable disease in Feb 2024 under the Karnataka Public Health Act, 2020. "In Karnataka, cases usually begin increasing during summer and continue through the monsoon," a senior health department official said.

Officials warned the coming months could see further increases as agricultural activity intensifies during the rainy season. "May to Sept is generally the peak season for snakebites because people spend more time outdoors and in fields. Human-snake encounters rise sharply during this period," the official added.

Pic for representation

FATAL BITE: Health officials attributed the spike in snakebite cases to rising temperatures, seasonal changes and also to better reporting

The health department, however, argued the increase in numbers may not entirely reflect a sudden jump in incidents on the ground. "Improved reporting is making the difference look bigger. Nearly all govt health facilities are now promptly reporting cases, which was not happening earlier," the official said, adding that anti-snake venom stocks and treatment systems had also improved across the state.

Wildlife rescuers and activists working in rural areas, however, said the situation reflects deeper gaps in awareness and treatment preparedness. Rajesh Kumar, a wildlife rescuer and activist, said: "The govt has made treatment free and notified the disease, but awareness levels remain low, especially in villages where most bites occur. Many people still rely on myths shown in films and television. Some waste precious time going to traditional healers instead of hospitals. That can turn fatal."

Kumar said the state needed stronger grassroots campaigns through panchayats, schools and local health centres before the summer and monsoon seasons. "Snakes are cold-blooded and become more active during hotter months. Summer is also their mating season, so encounters naturally increase. Prevention and awareness are critical," he added.

DOs AFTER SNAKEBITE

- Stay calm and reassure the bitten person
- Move away from the snake slowly
- Leave wound area untouched
- Remove rings, watches, belts, shoes or tight clothing
- Immobilise the affected limb with a sling
- Carry the patient carefully in left-lateral position to nearest healthcare facility

DON'Ts

- Panic or run
- Cut, inject or apply substances on the wound
- Attempt to suck out venom
- Go to traditional healers
- Try catch or kill the snake

Source: Karnataka health department

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K'taka tops higher secondary enrolment surge: NITI Aayog

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Bengaluru: In the past decade, Karnataka has made the biggest improvement in gross enrolment at the higher secondary level, according to a report by NITI Aayog released Thursday.

As per the report, School Education System in India: Temporal Analysis and Policy Roadmap for Quality Enhancement, the largest relative improvement in enrolment during the past decade was seen in Karnataka (29.7% to 61.4%). Other states or Union territories with improvement include Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (38.2%, 38% to 68.4%), Bihar (22.4% to 38.1%), and Assam (28.5% to 43.5%).

The report also notes that states that began from very low levels registered some of the steepest gains, yet continue to remain at the lower end. Those with stronger baselines have built on their advantage and are now close to universal coverage.

According to UDISE (Unified District Information System for Education Plus) 2024-25, Karnataka ranks 15th in gross enrolment at the higher secondary level, with several states like Kerala (89.5%), West Bengal (81%), and Maharashtra (71%) performing way better. The national average is 58.4%.

In secondary level too, Karnataka's improvement is noteworthy. The significant relative improvements are in West Bengal (75.2% to 99.4%), Telangana (76.7% to 99.9%), Karnataka (78.8% to 101%), Andhra Pradesh (71.% to 89.4%), and Meghalaya (70.6% to 86.2%).

Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) measures the total enrolment in a particular level of education, regardless of age, expressed as a percentage of the official age-group population for that level.

The transition rates (students moving from one class to the next), just like the national trend, reduce as the grades get higher. While it is 98% for primary to upper primary, it is 97% for upper primary to secondary, and 63% from secondary to higher secondary.

"Enrolments in Karnataka have picked up during the last six to seven years, specifically during the last four to five years. There was already saturation in GER (gross enrolment ratio) at primary (2006) and upper primary (2012). Now, with the popularisation of class 1 to 12 public school system, enrolments at secondary/higher secondary are on a fast track," said AS Seetharamu, former faculty at the Institute for Social and Economic Change.

"Earlier, transition to a new, bigger village for schooling was a problem. Karnataka Public Schools have addressed this issue... Better road connectivity, hub-and-spoke models, better quality infrastructure and better pupil-teacher ratio also explain the jump," he said.

"The concern is only about retention of children, which can be possible only with a guarantee of quality schooling. Learning is the best incentive for longevity in the school life of children," he added.

Only half of schools have internet access

NITI Aayog made a scathing remark on the state's internet facility: "Karnataka, home to Bengaluru, the country's leading IT hub, has only about half of its schools (50.7%) connected to the internet, reflecting a stark contrast between the state's global digital profile and its basic educational infrastructure," it said.

However, the department of school education denied it, citing wrong reporting of figures. NITI Aayog has used data from UDISE 2024-25, the latest information available at UDISE.

Secondary dropout rates in 2024-25

West Bengal - 20%	Gujarat - 16.9%	Odisha - 15%
Karnataka - 18.3%	Madhya Pradesh - 16.8%	Kerala - 4.8%
Arunachal Pradesh - 18.3%	Ladakh - 16.2%	Uttarakhand - 4.6%
Assam - 17.5%	Andhra Pradesh - 15.5%	Lakshadweep - 4.1%
Meghalaya - 17.4%	Chhattisgarh - 15.3%	Jharkhand - 3.5%
Mizoram - 17.4%		Chandigarh - 2%

Hit Nandini Layout streets for final edition of social event

Times News Network

Bengaluru: As Happy Streets by **The Times of India** gears up for its final edition at Nandini Layout this Sunday (May 10), residents can expect a lively morning packed with art, fitness, culture and community-driven activities.

One of the key attractions this weekend will be Reclaim Constitution, where visitors can collect copies of the Preamble and participate in discussions focused on constitutional values.

BHIMA presents HAPPY streets — OUR ROADS. OUR WAY.

Art and creativity will take centre stage through Prashree Art, which is set to conduct Mandala art and craft sessions, while NS Kumbar Art Academy will host hands-on art and craft activities.

NeeRav Arts Village will introduce attendees to Mudgar, a fitness tool historically used for strength training. Visitors will get the opportunity to experience it firsthand, while also engaging with artistic showcases.

Fitness enthusiasts can explore beginner-friendly gym equipment demonstrations by Quadz Fitness in an open-air environment.

Presented by Bhima Jewellers, Happy Streets has over the weeks evolved into a weekend community gathering space that blends wellness, creativity and neighbourhood interaction.

Event is free for all.

Pushpa-style smuggling: 250kg ganja worth ₹1.2crore hidden under poultry feed seized

Pavan Kumar Pateel | TNN

Bengaluru: Using a smuggling technique eerily similar to scenes from the recent blockbuster Pushpa, traffickers allegedly attempted to move 250kg of ganja worth Rs 1.2 crore across states by hiding it beneath sacks of poultry feed — until the consignment was intercepted by Jigani police near Koppa under Anekal subdivision.

The operation unfolded on Begur Main Road after police received specific intelligence about a suspicious truck moving through Bengaluru. A team led by inspector Manjunath intercepted the truck belonging to Muham International Indo Transport.

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Jigani police intercepted a goods carrier smuggling the ganja consignment

Beneath heavy sacks of poultry feed, police personnel discovered bags of ganja, concealed in a manner intended to mask the smell and evade highway check-post inspections. Police officials said the concealment technique bore striking similarities to smuggling methods portrayed in the recent movie.

Police arrested two accused — Ramayan Yadav, 56, and Sabir Khan, 51, both natives of Bihar who were working as the driver and cleaner of the vehicle. Preliminary investigations revealed the consignment originated from Odisha and was being transported to Tamil Nadu via Bengaluru after supplying portions of the contraband in parts of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. Officials said the masterminds allegedly changed vehicles after every delivery.

Police have launched a hunt for the alleged kingpins behind the racket, identified as Binod Singh and Babu.

Police suspect the smugglers deliberately used livestock and agricultural transport as a cover, banking on reduced scrutiny for vehicles carrying essential and perishable commodities.

Deadline for 2.4km Ejipura flyover pushed again, likely to be open for traffic in Oct

Times News Network

Bengaluru: The deadline for long-pending Ejipura flyover has once again been revised, with civic authorities now saying the main structure will be ready by the end of Oct this year. The project was expected to be completed by June, then Bengaluru South City Corporation set the deadline to Sept.

Now, GBA officials said the flyover is likely to be opened for traffic by Oct-end after construction hurdles near St John's Hospital were cleared recently. According to Raghavendra Prasad, chief engineer of Ejipura project, the critical portal framework near St John's Hospital, pending for several years due to land-related issues, was resolved in Feb after obtaining permission from the hospital administration.

File photo

BEHIND SCHEDULE: The flyover project was originally awarded in May 2017 to Simplex Infrastructure at a cost of Rs 203 crore

"With the major obstacle near St John's resolved, construction activities have picked up pace. The main flyover works are expected to be completed by Oct-end and the flyover will be opened for traffic this year," he said.

The 2.4-km-long Ejipura-Kendriya Sadan flyover project was originally awarded in May 2017 to Simplex Infrastructure Limited at a cost of Rs 203.2 crore. However, the project witnessed delays after the contractor managed only 42.8% progress over four-and-a-half years. Officials said of the total 762 segments planned for the flyover, only 191 were completed during the earlier phase. Inadequate deployment of machinery and non-payment to sub-contractors eventually brought work to a standstill.

Following directions from the high court, the contract was terminated in March 2022 and the remaining work awarded to BSCPL Infrastructures Limited in Nov 2023.

Land acquisition and departmental procedures are on for the transfer of 5,998 square metres of private and govt land, including portions belonging to St John's Hospital, to facilitate road widening and development of uniform footpaths below the flyover corridor.

Purple Line trains to be suspended for 2 hours tomorrow

Bengaluru: To carry out maintenance work between Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Station, Majestic, and Sir M Visvesvaraya Station, Central College, on the Purple Line, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has announced suspension of Metro services Sunday (May 10) from Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji Station, Hosahalli, to Cubbon Park Station.

Services on this stretch will be suspended from 7am to 9am. However, during the period, services from terminal stations will continue to operate. From Challaghatta side, trains will run till Vijayanagar, while from Kadugodi side, services will operate up to MG Road. After 9am, services will be restored on the entire Purple Line from Challaghatta to Kadugodi. TNN

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BMTC AC bus services extended up to C'patna

Times News Network

Bengaluru: Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has extended its Vajra Vistara AC bus services up to Channapatna. These buses are now being operated from Majestic to Channapatna via Ramanagara. Channapatna is located nearly 60km from Majestic, making it one of the longest routes operated by BMTC.

Eight buses have been deployed on the route, with 44 trips operated daily. The corporation has fixed the fare at Rs 105, including toll charges. Commuters can purchase a daily pass for Rs 180 or a weekly pass for Rs 1,000. A monthly pass for these services costs Rs 2,700.

After the govt permitted BMTC to operate services up to a 40-km radius beyond GBA limits in March, the transport utility launched Vajra Vistara services to Ramanagara and Kanakapura.

A BMTC official said, "This is one of BMTC's longest routes for its AC services. Vajra Vistara buses to Ramanagara have received good patronage and the same has now been extended up to Channapatna. The fare from Ramanagara to Channapatna is Rs 25."

TOI

BMTC's Vajra Vistara buses are now being operated from Majestic to Channapatna via Ramanagara

On Friday, Channapatna MLA CP Yogeshwar and former Bengaluru Rural MP DK Suresh flagged off the new services at Channapatna bus stand. Passengers can cover the distance in 1 hour 30 minutes to 1 hour 45 minutes. "We started services to Ramanagara by deploying six AC buses, and since the first week of March, 33,000 passengers used the service. These buses operate on Bengaluru-Mysuru access-controlled highway. After receiving permission from govt to extend our operational jurisdiction, Vajra Vistara AC buses are now being operated to Kanakapura, Ramanagara, Chikkaballapura, and Channapatna, which is the latest addition," the official said.

3,000 babies, 863 litres: Vani Vilas hospital's milk bank gives new lease of life to neonates

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Bengaluru: The human breast milk bank at Vani Vilas Hospital, called Amruthadhare, has been a lifesaver for 3,612 babies — predominantly those born preterm — since its inception in 2022. The bank has collected a total of 863 litres of breast milk so far from more than 3,982 donors.

Milk from the bank is used for babies admitted to neonatal ICUs. The hospital has four NICUs — one for preterm babies, two for in-born babies and one for outborn babies (those referred from other hospitals). Babies who benefit from the milk bank include those whose mothers are unable to express milk; mothers who are on antipsychotic medication; those experiencing postpartum depression; those who underwent contrast MRIs or scans; mothers admitted to the OBGYN ICU; and babies who are abandoned at the hospital.

Breast milk in the neonatal stage is not just food — it is nutrition, immunity and protection combined. Milk banks exist to ensure that even the most vulnerable newborns do not miss out on these life-saving benefits.

TOI

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According to a clinician at the hospital, when the milk bank initially started, doctors observed a form of dependency among some mothers. "Babies who were ill would recover due to efforts of the milk bank. While the babies were being cared for, the mothers were at ease. However, after returning home, some mothers continued the same pattern and did not nourish their children through regular feeding. That is why we now encourage mothers to express milk at the bank when their babies are in the NICU, so that banked milk serves only as a supplement rather than the primary source of nutrition," the clinician explained.

"Even if a mother can express just a few millilitres of milk, we encourage her to feed it to her baby and supplement the rest with donor milk," the clinician added. They also noted, mothers on a meat-based diet tend to express more milk than those on a plant-based diet.

The bank follows stringent screening and storage protocols. Donors are screened for HIV, hepatitis B, Venereal Disease Research Laboratory, and RT-PCR if they have a fever. Even after screening, milk is not accepted if the donor has lesions or infections on the breast, nipple or areola.

Human breast milk can be stored for up to six months under proper conditions. "The milk always gets utilised before six months as our demand and supply are currently balanced," said Dr Savitha C, the medical superintendent.

She added while most mothers require counselling before donating excess milk, awareness is increasing. "Some mothers now walk in and express their willingness to donate if they have excess milk. After thorough screening, if they meet the criteria, we accept the donation," she said.

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STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers

6 in 10 internet users in India are from rural areas

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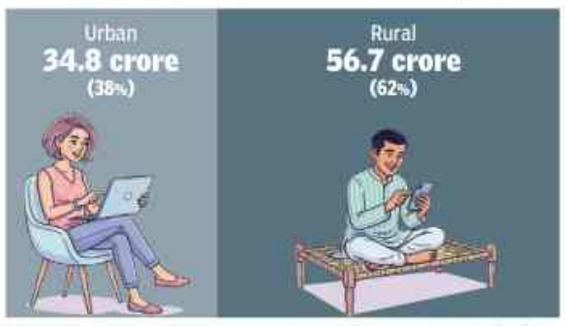
Active internet users in urban and rural India, 2025



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Govt rolls out 2 labour codes, caps weekly work hours at 48

Notifies National Reskilling Fund For Retrenched Workers

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The notification of model standing orders under the IR Code also provides a baseline template on issues like classification of workers, leave & attendance norms

New Delhi: Amid a debate over working hours, the Centre has capped weekly working hours at 48 under the new labour codes, beyond which workers will be paid double the amount of their defined hourly wages.

Nearly four months after the draft rules under the four new codes were published for stakeholder consultation, the Centre on Friday published final rules under two of the codes — wages and industrial relations. For the other two codes, however, old rules will remain in force until final notification of the new ones.

States will have to notify their own rules, taking a cue from the ones notified by the Centre. West Bengal was so far the only holdout, but with BJP winning the assembly elections, it will also notify the rules in line with the Centre.

"The notification of the rules is an important step in moving the labour codes from policy to implementation. However, it is equally important to recognise that these central rules will largely apply to establishments where the central govt is the 'appropriate govt' — such as telecom, banking and insurance, mines, oil fields, major ports and air transport, along with central public sector undertakings and their contractors," said Puneet Gupta, a partner at EY India.

The rules also empower the Centre to set minimum wages and the national floor wage, apart from prescribing the manner for timely payment. Besides, they hold the principal employer accountable for non-payment of bonus to contractual employees, instead of the contractor. Further, it said variable dearness allowance must be revised twice a year, based on changes in the consumer price index for industrial workers. Gupta, however, said the rules are not clear on the categories of workers to be covered under the definition of overtime.

Under Section 83 of the Industrial Relations (IR) Code, govt also set up a National Reskilling Fund to ensure workers who lose their jobs due to retrenchment are not just given a one-time severance pay but are also supported to learn new skills for re-employment. The fund will be primarily financed by the employer, which has to contribute 15 days' salary for every retrenched worker retrenched.

Tharoor moves HC to block AI deepfakes

New Delhi: Congress MP Shashi Tharoor Friday moved the Delhi HC against publication of AI-generated deepfake videos that show him praising Pakistan and making statements on "politically sensitive" issues, and sought protection of his personality rights.

After hearing Tharoor's submissions , Justice Mini Pushkarna issued summons to X and Meta, as well as the Centre, and indicated she would pass an interim order in his favour. In his lawsuit, he submitted that unknown entities were repeatedly publishing fake videos and sought directions that these be taken down. TNN

HC junks FIR on teacher for Urdu poem

Bhopal/Jabalpur: Madhya Pradesh HC's Jabalpur bench has quashed an FIR against a schoolteacher accused of hurting religious sentiments with what police termed a "misogynistic" WhatsApp status update featuring a video in which he recites an Urdu poem titled "Behaya" (shameless), reports **Siddharth Pandey**.

Faizan Ansari of Chicholi town in MP's Betul district was charged under Section 353(2) of BNS with conduct "unbecoming of a teacher", although he didn't directly make any remark targeting a religion in the WhatsApp post.

Guj's Banni set to be 2nd home for cheetahs after Kuno

Ahmedabad: Gujarat's long wait to welcome the world's fastest land animal—the cheetah—will end soon. The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has given its green signal to translocate four of the magnificent cats from Kenya to Banni in Kutch. Two male-female pairs are likely to arrive in July or Aug. A final nod from the Union govt, however, is still awaited.

"We are ready," said principal chief conservator of forests (wildlife) Jaipal Singh, adding, "The Union govt will decide the date of their arrival in Gujarat. We expect it will be soon." In all, 12 cheetahs are planned to reach Banni within a year of the first arrivals, sources said. This will make Gujarat only the second home for cheetahs after MP's Kuno National Park.

The cheetah pairs will first reach Bhuj and then be transported to the Banni facility, India's first cheetah conservation breeding centre. Here, they will be quarantined for about a month before being released into a 500-hectare enclosure designed as a rich Kenyan savannah-like open habitat to support both acclimatisation and breeding.

An NTCA team recently spent two days in Banni to assess the site on habitat suitability, enclosure readiness, veterinary arrangements and logistics for the animals' arrival. TNN

Apex court in no mood to condone MP mantri's remarks in Qureshi case

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Supreme Court said this is not the only instance of the minister making obnoxious statements and asked SIT to find out other instances of such remarks by him

New Delhi: More than a year after Madhya Pradesh minister Kunwar Vijay Shah stoked a controversy for 'obnoxiously' linking Col **Sofiya Qureshi** to "Operation Sindoor", the Supreme Court on Friday appeared in no mood to condone his misdemeanour and asked the state govt to take a call on the SIT's request for sanction of his prosecution.

Solicitor general Tushar Mehta filed a status report before the SC and said that it appears that Shah intended to praise Qureshi but goofed up in making a statement that unfortunately conveyed a different meaning.

A bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said, "The statement was most unfortunate, and it appears he had no sense of repentance." Shah's counsel Maninder Singh said the minister had immediately apologised within 24 hours after realising that the statement was being viewed in a different light.

The bench said this is not the only instance of the minister making obnoxious statements and asked the SIT to find out other instances of such remarks by him, as was indicated by SIT in its earlier report. When SG said that the political personality could not properly articulate his words of praise for the woman officer, the bench said, "The political personalities are otherwise very articulate and convey what they intend to.

Given the repeated requests of Singh and the narration of factual background by Mehta, the bench asked the state to consider the entire factual background and take a call on the request for grant of sanction for prosecution.

In a similar case of 'obnoxious article' written by Ashoka University professor Ali Khan Mahmoodabad on Op Sindoor, a chargesheet was filed against him in Haryana. However, repeated requests of Khan's counsel Kapil Sibal had made the SC to appeal to Haryana govt to show magnanimity and close the cases. Haryana govt had refused sanction to prosecute Mahmoodabad.

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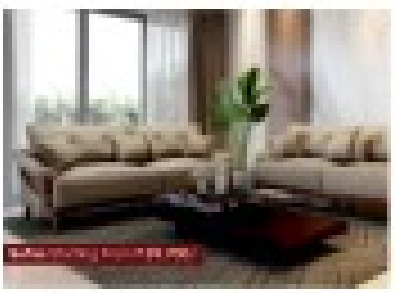

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WB swearing-in, Pocso case against BSY cast shadow over Shah's visit

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Chitradurga: Union home minister Amit Shah is likely to inaugurate 'BSY Abhimanotsava' in Chitradurga Saturday, an event to celebrate BJP veteran BS Yediyurappa completing 50 years in public life. However, Uncertainty surrounds Shah's visit due to fast-paced political developments in West Bengal.

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FANFARE: BS Yediyurappa received a grand reception in Chitradurga on Friday with a procession involving cultural troupes, women and farmers

ABHIMANOTSAVA

Shah, who Friday presided over the BJP legislature party meeting in Kolkata to elect a new leader, is also scheduled to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Suvendu Adhikari, who is set to become BJP's first chief minister in West Bengal.

A section of BJP legislators fears Shah may cancel his Karnataka visit if proceedings are delayed in Bengal. Considering this, Karnataka BJP has delayed the start of the event — originally scheduled for the morning — to the evening to suit Shah's itinerary. Police said Shah's chopper is expected to land around 3.45pm.

Meanwhile, some functionaries are reportedly uncomfortable with Shah sharing the stage with Yediyurappa because of a pending case against him under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Pocso) Act. CID had filed charges against Yediyurappa and while the Karnataka high court refused to quash proceedings, the Supreme Court stayed the trial.

Ahead of the programme, BJP MLC H Vishwanath, who announced his retirement from electoral politics Thursday, questioned the decision to organise a grand felicitation while cases are pending against Yediyurappa.

Shah is expected to felicitate the 83-year-old former CM at the event, which is likely to draw thousands of supporters besides Union ministers, party functionaries, legislators and pontiffs from prominent mutts. BY Raghavendra, Shivamogga MP and Yediyurappa's son, Friday called on KS Eshwarappa and extended an invitation, signalling a strategic attempt to bridge the rift within the party. A former deputy CM, Eshwarappa was expelled from BJP.

Large-scale arrangements, including mega stages and seating facilities, have been set up, while security has been tightened with support from police and the district administration. Two books chronicling Yediyurappa's political journey and struggles will also be released during the programme.

On Friday, Yediyurappa received a grand welcome in Chitradurga with a procession involving cultural troupes, women and farmers. An old Ambassador car used by Yediyurappa, HN Ananth Kumar and DH Shankaramurthy during BJP's early years was a major attraction.

Yediyurappa served as chief minister four times — first for seven days in Nov 2007, then for more than three years from May 2008, briefly for three days in May 2018, and finally for two years beginning July 26, 2019. He joined RSS at the age of 15 and began his political career with Jana Sangh in Shikaripura, Shivamogga district. He later became Jana Sangh's Shikaripura taluk chief in the early 1970s.

Widely credited with expanding BJP's base in Karnataka, Yediyurappa served as the party's state president, leader of the opposition, MP and member of both Houses of the state legislature.

What cereals do you eat? Odd questions pepper nat'l survey

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QUIRKY QUIZ: Enumerators say residents are left perplexed by the level of detail sought in the survey, which ranges from household size and roofing material to drainage systems and kind of toilets

Bengaluru: From asking families what cereals they consume to identifying whether a house wall is packed with mortar, Census 2027 enumerators are navigating a maze of unusually detailed questions during the ongoing houselisting exercise. The Houselisting and Housing Census, the first phase of Census 2027, began on April 16 and is scheduled to end on May 15.

CENSUS 2027

Enumerators said residents are often left perplexed by the level of detail sought in the survey, which ranges from household size and roofing material to drainage systems and kind of toilets. This is the first digital census in India and enumerators are using a phone app to collect data.

"The survey ends sooner if someone is tech-savvy and understands the materials used in the house," said an official in Bengaluru overseeing enumerators.

Besides standard demographic information, officials are also collecting details on wastewater outlet connections, including whether homes have open drains, closed drains or no drainage facility.

Enumerators said toilet classifications have emerged as a source of confusion, with categories such as "twin-pit latrine", "slab-pit latrine" and "improved pit systems". Roofing and flooring details have added another layer of complexity. The questionnaire differentiates between handmade and machine-made tiles, while flooring categories include burnt brick and stone. "A four-day training programme prepared us for this," enumerators said.

The current exercise has also acquired political significance after the Union govt decided to collect caste data. The Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs approved the move on April 30, 2025. Though a full-fledged caste enumeration is scheduled during the Population Enumeration phase in Feb 2027, officials said elements of caste data collection are already part of the ongoing houselisting process.

With the exercise entering its final stretch, Greater Bengaluru Authority is redistributing enumerators across city corporations to speed up pending work. Official orders issued on Wednesday show around 600 personnel from Bengaluru West zone have been redeployed after the city crawled past 75% of its target.

The order warned that absentee staff could face criminal action, including an FIR under Section 223 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita for disobedience of orders, besides suspension and disciplinary proceedings.

Trim ₹1.2lakh-cr wish list, K'taka told

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Bengaluru: The Union govt has asked Karnataka to drastically prune its ambitious Rs 1.2 lakh crore proposal under the urban challenge fund (UCF), advising the state to submit a more realistic list of projects worth around Rs 25,000 crore for phased consideration.

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PEOPLE'S WORK: Mysuru MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Wadiyar called on deputy CM DK Shivakumar at his residence in Bengaluru on Friday

The state govt had submitted 1,082 projects under the Centre's flagship urban infrastructure scheme, despite UCF having an overall national allocation of Rs 1 lakh crore. The scheme, announced earlier this fiscal, follows a 25:50:25 funding model involving the Centre, market borrowings and contributions from states or urban local bodies.

Karnataka was the first state to seek assistance under the scheme with deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar and municipal administration minister Rahim Khan submitting proposals last month, but the Centre now wants the plans revised.

Currently, the Centre has earmarked Rs 5,500 crore for the state, an allocation Shivakumar had objected to during his recent visit to Delhi. Officials said the Centre indicated that quicker utilisation of the allocated amount could improve Karnataka's chances of securing additional assistance later.

Speedily pursuing the issue, the state cabinet last week approved the formation of two new committees — the state high powered steering committee (SHPSC) and the state level technical committee (SLTC) — to monitor and clear projects under UCF. The committees will oversee project approvals and assess technical feasibility.

Tushar Giri Nath, additional chief secretary, urban development department, told **TOI** that the committees are mandatory under the scheme guidelines.

"In fact, these panels are mandated across almost all central govt schemes and usually have the same set of officials on board," he said. Nath said the state proposed large-scale urban projects keeping in mind Karnataka's rapidly growing urban population, which is expected to cross 3.2 crore after Census 2027.

The additional chief secretary to the govt will serve as chairman of SHPSC, while the ACS, urban development department, will be co-chair along with 17 secretaries and commissioners from various departments. SLTC will have 18 members, with the ACS, urban development department, as chairman and chief commissioner of the Greater Bengaluru Authority as co-chairman.

Officials said Bengaluru is likely to receive the largest share of UCF funding, given the scale of infrastructure projects planned for the capital city and rising pressure on urban services.

Clarity on cabinet rejig soon: Rao

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Health minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said the Congress high command will decide on a cabinet regij only after the formation of the new govt in Kerala.

"Cabinet rejig after three years is common," Rao said. On claims by some Congress members of "good news" on May 15 — deputy CM DK Shivakumar's birthday — Rao said no individual could fix a date. "It is AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi who will take a decision. Everyone, including the CM, will abide by the high command's decision," he said.

He added: "We won in Karnataka because of unity. The party high command will not take decisions based on individual interests."

With quota logjam ending, Ayush hiring set to resume

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Bengaluru: The Ayush department will soon resume recruitment of medical officer posts in ayurveda, unani and homeopathy after clarity emerged on internal reservation within the Scheduled Castes quota. A staggering 93% of 416 of these posts are vacant.

The govt on April 27 notified the SC sub-categorisation, retaining the overall 50% cap in line with an interim high court order, removing a key hurdle that had stalled hiring.

Sunil Panwar, commissioner, Ayush, said the issue had delayed appointments. "However, hiring will now be fast-tracked with KPSC's intervention," he said.

Despite 894 Ayush hospitals and dispensaries, staffing remains sparse even as demand rises, especially in rural areas. Shailendra Beldale, MLA from Bidar South and a homeopathic doctor, flagged the gap. "There is barely any staff being appointed in the existing setup," he said. "In Manalli in Bidar, a facility opened in 2025 has no personnel yet and remains non-functional."

Karnataka produced 5,722 Ayush graduates and 515 post-graduates in 2024-25, but many remain without jobs. Doctors say facilities run with minimal staff, affecting care. Beldale said community health centres lacking MBBS or specialist doctors could use Ayush personnel.

However, a graduate from Government Ayurvedic Medical College, Bengaluru, said rural centres are ill-equipped. "We hoped to work in places with higher patient flow, but many centres don't even have space for a 10-bed hospital. With just one doctor and a multi-tasking staffer, they cannot admit patients," he said. He said some Ayush graduates are deployed for night duties in allopathic hospitals despite legal restrictions.

SHORT TAKES

After Davanagere fiasco, Muslim groups to protest Cong 'apathy'

Several Muslim organisations have decided to hold a convention in Bengaluru on May 16 to protest Congress' handling of the Davanagere South bypoll. Under the 'Karnataka Rajya Muslim Okkoota' banner, community representatives met this week and resolved to organise an "apolitical" convention to voice concerns over what they called Congress govt's "apathy" towards the community and the "discrimination" under its governance. The convention will be held at Town Hall and is expected to bring together Muslim organisations, Jamaats, associations and federations from across Karnataka. Organisers are also expected to release a detailed report on the Congress govt's three years in office and submit it to CM Siddaramaiah, deputy CM DK Shivakumar, cabinet ministers and legislators from the community.

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MARK OF DEVOTION: Union minister HD Kumaraswamy at Sri Bettada Ranganathaswamy Temple in Hassan on Friday

Allow Kannada in railway exams, Nikhil urges Centre

Nikhil Kumaraswamy, state president, JD(S) youth wing, urged railways to conduct South Western Railway (SWR) departmental promotion examinations in Kannada besides Hindi and English. In a letter to railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and minister of state for railways V Somanna, Nikhil said Kannada-speaking employees would benefit, pointing out that a major portion of SWR zone falls within Karnataka. He said Railway Board, through an order issued in Aug 2024, had allowed railway zones to conduct departmental examinations in regional languages besides Hindi and English. He urged the Centre to implement the order in SWR zone and include Kannada as a medium for future examinations.

Ashoka slams govt over farmer suicides

Opposition leader R Ashoka attacked the state govt over a sharp rise in farmer suicides, accusing it of pursuing "guarantee politics over the bodies of farmers". Citing the latest NCRB report, Ashoka questioned the increase in farmer suicides from 2,423 in 2023 to 2,971 in 2024, a rise of 22.6%, despite a decline in several other states. He alleged that the Siddaramaiah govt had failed farmers due to crop loss, debt, power tariff hikes and water scarcity while spending crores on guarantee scheme adverts. Maharashtra recorded the highest number of deaths at 3,824.

Farmers urge RBI to ease loan rules

Farmer leaders met RBI officials in Bengaluru alleging harassment by banks and private finance companies due to stricter lending norms and recovery proceedings under the SARFAESI Act. The delegation, led by Kurubur Shanthakumar, said new rules on gold loans and mandatory CIBIL score checks were making emergency credit inaccessible for farmers. They alleged banks were seizing and auctioning farmers' lands and houses over unpaid loans. They demanded repeal of SARFAESI provisions, withdrawal of stricter gold loan norms, longer repayment periods for crop loans and exemption from service charges on farm and gold loans.

Madhu Bangarappa criticises BSY event

Education minister Madhu Bangarappa slammed the 'BSY Abhimanotsava' event, calling it a "purely political circus" designed to force a political legacy onto Yediyurappa's son, BS Vijayendra. He questioned the ethics of the celebration, pointing out past corruption charges against the former CM and the Haveri farmer firing incident, while simultaneously cautioning religious seers that their attendance could send a bad message to society. He also targeted MP BY Raghavendra over the Shivamogga Airport night landing facilities, accusing him of taking false credit for state-funded projects.

Continue medical treatment for trans petitioners, says HC

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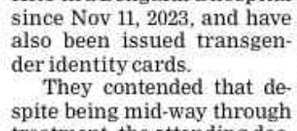
Bengaluru: The high court directed medical authorities to continue hormone replacement therapy (HRT) of two people claiming to be transgenders as per the existing medical protocol.

"The doctors and medical authorities concerned shall facilitate continuation of such treatment without interruption. The continuation of treatment shall, however, be subject to the outcome of the present writ petition and any orders that may be passed by Supreme Court, including in any transfer proceedings initiated by the Union of India," Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum observed in his interim order passed Thursday

The petitioners are challenging the validity of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Act, 2026. According to them, they are transgender persons, identifying as women, and are aggrieved by the consequences of the amended definition of a "transgender person".

The primary grievance of the petitioners is that, pursuant to the amendment, they are allegedly excluded from the ambit of the statutory definition, resulting in the denial of continuation of medical treatment. The two petitioners claimed that they have been undergoing HRT in a Bengaluru hospital since Nov 11, 2023, and have also been issued transgender identity cards.

DEFINITION ISSUE



They contended that despite being mid-way through treatment, the attending doctors are unwilling to continue the prescribed course of therapy. Such denial of treatment infringes their fundamental rights guaranteed in the Constitution of India, the petitioners added.

On the other hand, an additional solicitor general, appearing for Union govt, submitted that no material is placed on record to demonstrate that the authorities had initiated or proposed coercive action restraining such treatment. The issue relating to the validity of the amendment is presently sub judice before Supreme Court, and the Union of India is contemplating filing an application seeking the transfer of all similar petitions pending before various high courts.

Justice Magadum noted that pending adjudication of the larger issues, limited interim protection is required to be extended to the petitioners to ensure that ongoing medical treatment is not disrupted.

Traffic curbs for Modi visit tomorrow

Bengaluru: With PM **Narendra Modi** visiting the city Sunday, traffic restrictions have been imposed between 8am and 3pm on HAL Airport exit road from Old Airport Road till the DGCA office (both sides).

All types of vehicles will be prohibited on HAL airport gate number 30 from Umbrella junction. Parking will be prohibited on Old Airport Road from SD Road junction to Trinity junction. TNN

Official attributes rise in dog-bite cases to growing stray population

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A senior official from the health dept said the rise in dog-bite cases can be attributed not only to improved reporting, but also to the growing stray dog population and inadequate vaccination coverage.

The official noted that urban local bodies are primarily responsible for implementing mass anti-rabies vaccination and animal birth-control measures and added that responsibilities have now been distributed across multiple departments under a newly formulated State Action Plan for Rabies Elimination (SAPRE). The official added that anti-rabies vaccines have been made available at all govt health facilities across the state, with dog bite made a notified disease in 2022.

Under SAPRE, the govt has chalked out a transdisciplinary strategy to eliminate rabies in humans by 2030.

As part of SAPRE, the 'Rabies-Free Cities Initiative' has been rolled out across 11 key urban centres, including Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mangaluru and Hubballi-Dharwad.

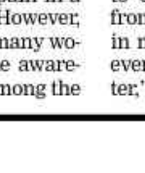
Tailored strategies for each city include large-scale anti-rabies vaccination drives for dogs, measures to control stray dog populations, enhanced disease surveillance systems and improved solid waste management practices.

Meanwhile, within GBA limits, where more than 6,000 stray dog-bite cases have been recorded this year, strategies are being devised at the corporation level.

Dr Chandraiah, joint director of animal husbandry, GBA, said: "Unlike earlier, we now have a decentralised plan for the entire city. Based on patterns and local issues, each of the five corporations is coming up with its own plan to tackle dog bites."

Rice-pulling scam is back, contractor loses ₹89 lakh

Bengaluru: The infamous rice-pulling scam, where victims are tricked into buying ordinary metal items (like copper vessels or coins) falsely attributed with magical properties to double their wealth, is back again.



A 55-year-old contractor, Hanumantappa, of Amrutahalli in north-east part of the city, lost Rs 89 lakh to a conman, who promised to repay Rs 10 crore if he invested Rs 1 crore. The victim paid the money to the accused, Manjunath, as he promised to multiply his money by 'rice-pulling'. However, Manjunath disappeared with the money.

A police officer said, "They met in mid-2025, and Manjunath claimed to be a businessman. After some time, Manjunath told Hanumantappa that he became rich overnight with the help of a rice-pulling vessel. At one time, Manjunath told Hanumantappa that his Rs 100 crore was stuck in RBI and he urgently needed Rs 1 crore to get it cleared. He promised to return double the amount. Hanumantappa agreed to lend the money. He took loans and paid him Rs 89 lakh in instalments. When he asked to return his money, Manjunath became incommunicado." TNN

Bengaluru mothers-to-be trade C-sections for water births

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LESS PAINFUL DELIVERY
Water birth is a method of childbirth where a woman labours, and sometimes delivers, in a pool of warm water. The warm water helps ease pain, relax the body and promote a more natural, low-intervention birthing experience

Bengaluru: With the push towards vaginal deliveries to avoid unnecessary C-sections (caesarean sections), pregnant women in Bengaluru are increasingly exploring natural birthing options. One such method gaining popularity is water birth, with several hospitals setting up dedicated centres over the past two years.

Recently, a 42-year-old woman, who had her first child 11 years ago, delivered her second baby in water at a private hospital in the city. Her labour lasted just four hours. Doctors say when offered the option, many women readily agree, largely due to its ability to reduce pain — something they attribute to rising awareness.

"I think people are becoming more aware of this method of delivery of late — maybe through online information or media reports. There's a lot of visibility now, with people sharing their experiences, and that makes it more relatable. People are realising that these options are available in India as well," said Dr Sireesha Reddy, senior consultant - obstetrician & gynaecologist, Motherhood Hospitals, Hebbal.

"Some women who have had normal deliveries earlier try water birth later and describe it as magical. First-time mothers also opt for it and go through the experience with a lot of determination. I remember one woman who had a 30-hour labour journey using natural methods. Her endurance was incredible, and when she finally delivered in water, she was completely elated," she added.

Sneha Shah, consultant women physiotherapist and water birth practitioner at Rainbow Children's Hospital, said: "I would say water itself has been a very effective tool for coping with labour pain. When a woman enters the water, the buoyancy makes her feel lighter — there is a sense of reduced heaviness, and she is able to move more freely. We usually maintain the water temperature at around 100 degrees Fahrenheit, which is lukewarm and very calming."

She added water births also minimise the need for interventions. "When the woman is inside the water, surgical incision like episiotomy is generally avoided. The water also supports the perineum (soft tissue at the bottom of pelvis), which helps prevent severe tears," Sneha explained.

Not just private facilities, the National Midwifery Training Institute (NMTI) at Vani Vilas Hospital has also been offering water births for the past six months. "Apart from the birthing process, it has been used to alleviate pain in a labouring woman. However, we have not had too many women there yet as the awareness levels are low among the kind of patients we get," said Dr Savitha C, medical superintendent.

Dr Savitha added staff have begun creating awareness among patients. "Water birth is a non-pharmacological pain relief method and makes the birthing experience more soothing," she said.

Doctors warn that water birth is not advisable for women with high-risk pregnancies. "We also pay a lot of attention to water quality, especially given the challenges in a city like Bengaluru. We use a specialised filtration system to ensure the water is free from bacteria like E coli, and in many ways, the quality is even better than drinking water," Sneha explained.

TOI wins top honours at INMA awards

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New Delhi: The Times of India bagged the first and third spots in two categories, honorary mentions in three other slots at this year's International News Media Association (INMA) awards presented in Berlin on May 7.

The first prize for Best Use of Print (Regional) went to "Thirukkural With The Times", a weekly column in **TOI's Chennai** edition that takes the wisdom of Tamil poet and philosopher Thiruvalluvar's classic to younger and English-speaking readers through simple, contemporary interpretations. Authored by writer Bharathi Bhaskar, the column shows how a couplet written over 2,000 years ago still holds relevance.

"I am Kolkata, Amar Para", a **TOI Kolkata** campaign, won third prize in INMA's Best Use of Social Media (Regional) category. It celebrates life in the city at whose core is the "*para* (neighbourhood)". The series comprised over 20 write-ups, each focusing on one *para*. One, for example, celebrated Boipara (or College Street).

Honorary mentions came in three categories. One was the "Amar Para" series in the Best Idea to Encourage Reader Engagement (Regional). The other was Best Use of Video (National), where **TOI Chennai's** "The Keeladi Story" won plaudits. The third category was Best Revenue Diversification Strategy. In this, **Bombay Times Lounge** by TOI Metro Supplements was recognised for transforming celebrity-led editorial content into monetizable intellectual property (IP).

Mere illegal infiltration into India not an act of terror: SC

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Top court said India shares a porous border with Bangladesh

New Delhi: As BJP vows to drive out all illegal Bangladeshi immigrants from West Bengal after it forms govt, Supreme Court on Friday said mere illegal infiltration into India by Bangladeshi nationals is not a terrorist act.

The remark came from a bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi in response to additional solicitor general S D Sanjay's opposition to the bail plea of Amol Chandra Das alias Sujib, who was arrested by National Investigation Agency (NIA) in Bengaluru in Nov 2023 for staying in the city for 10 years with a forged passport and facilitating illegal immigration of Bangladeshis into India.

Sanjay said though other accused in the case have been granted bail, the present petitioner is part of a syndicate involved in trans-nation trafficking of Bangladeshis to India using forged documents and was not entitled to bail.

Justice Bagchi said, "Illegal immigration is not a terrorist act. Just because they have travelled across the border without valid documents or no documents, it does not become a terrorist act without any other overt action that would qualify as acts of terror."

CJI Kant said, "India shares a porous border with Bangladesh. There are a large number of Bangladeshis staying in India despite immigrating illegally." The bench granted bail to Das, but asked him to report to the Bengaluru NIA officer once a week. It asked the counter-terrorism agency to verify the place of stay of the accused.

Karnataka HC, while declining bail, had said, "Appellant is a Bangladeshi national and the material available on record clearly discloses with regard to the alleged creation of document of Aadhaar card on the same day at Karnataka as well as Assam, and on perusal of the same, it discloses insertion of photo and obtaining the Aadhaar card and passport is also obtained based on those documents and travelled five times to Bangladesh."

Accepting the prosecution's stand that if bail is granted to the accused, there is a chance of him fleeing from justice, the HC had rejected his bail plea.

BJP, which had a blistering election campaign against alleged facilitation of Bangladeshi nationals to enter Bengal, had said 'ghuispaithiyas' (infiltrators) were a threat to national economy and security. The party on Friday vowed to keep its poll promise.

SC rejects FIR clubbing plea of scamster who fled to Dubai

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Monday said it would not direct clubbing of FIRs against a person accused of duping thousands of investors across states while rejecting a plea by Sameer Agrawal of Saga group who fled to Dubai after allegedly misappropriating Rs 10,000 crore maturity amounts of depositors in a cooperative society. Appearing for the absconding accused, senior advocate R Basant told a bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymlaya Bagchi that the court had in the past clubbed FIRs if these were premised on the same allegations so as to avoid the accused going from state to state to attend trial.

CJI Kant said when a person cheats thousands of investors, then each incident becomes the subject matter of an independent FIR. There are 33 FIRs against Agrawal in UP, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana.

Bby HC: Foundation of Sohrab prosecution story not established

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Mumbai: While upholding the 2018 acquittal of 21 police officers and one guesthouse owner in the Sohrabuddin Shaikh 'fake encounter' case, the Bombay high court reasoned on Thursday that the very "foundation of the prosecution story is not established at all." The prosecution failed to establish the abduction of Sohrabuddin and his wife Kausar Bi and his associate Tulsiram Prajapati by the Gujarat and Rajasthan police and their illegal detention at a farmhouse and a guesthouse and the alleged fake encounter in Nov 2005.

The HC Chief Justice Shree Chandrashekhar and Justice Gautam Ankhad in a 50-page judgment uploaded late Thursday night dismissed appeals filed by two brothers of Shaikh against the acquittal which they had said was a "miscarriage of justice." The acquittal was based on "unwarranted assumptions and manifestly erroneous appreciation of evidence," the brothers' counsel Gautam Tiwari had argued. The HC, analysing the record and submissions in the context of criminal jurisprudence and legal precedents, held that the "trial court applied the correct" legal principles and its appreciation of evidence was not flawed. It's settled law that acquittal judgment requires higher threshold to rebut the presumption of innocence and acquittals, by law, cannot be overturned in a "casual or cavalier manner," the court said.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) was the prosecuting agency in the case. There were no direct witnesses who saw the alleged encounter, the HC observed and found that the circumstantial evidence had broken links in the chain of circumstance, while to prove a case, the chain needs to be whole. "We do not see any ground to hold that prosecution has established by circumstantial evidence the complicity of the respondent nos. 2 to 23 in the conspiracy to murder Sohrabuddin Shaikh, Kausar Bi and Tulsiram Prajapati by projecting a case of fake encounter," the HC said.

Of over 200 prosecution witnesses, 92 went hostile. The HC found hostile witnesses were put to intense cross-examination but it elicited nothing to back the case against the accused policemen.

The trial court had said police officers were discharging official duty and a legal mandate of a prior sanction to prosecute them was unmet.

NO LINK BETWEEN BULLET, 'WEAPON'

JUDGESPEAK

- No link to bullet found in **Sohrabuddin Shaikh's** thigh and alleged weapon
- No record who the revolver was issued to
- Mere statement by Tulsiram Prajapati that he would be killed in a fake encounter, not proof
- The story of three persons travelling together in a luxury bus and one of whom (is) a "burka-clad lady" does not establish that Sohrabuddin Shaikh, Kausar Bi and Tulsiram Prajapati were travelling together in the night of 22nd January 2005

'Plea with oblique motive'

- When appeals were pending, a Mumbai resident, Maniar Kumar, 53, this year filed an interim plea to challenge 2014 trial court discharge of Amit Shah, accused A-16, when he was minister of state (home) in Gujarat. ASG Anil Singh for CBI opposed the plea, citing orders of 2015 and 2016 which HC said Kumar suppressed
- Kumar is neither a witness, nor states why he surfaces 20 years later, HC said
- HC observed, Plea "filed with an oblique motive and at the instance of some political adversary of A-16"

Murderer, abettor can't inherit victim's properties, rules SC

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New Delhi: Observing that no person can be permitted to profit from his own wrongdoing, Supreme Court on Friday held that a person accused of committing murder or abetting in the murder of another person was barred from inheriting the victim's property.

A bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan said such disqualification on inheriting property applied to both intestate and testamentary succession and clarified the bar would be applicable even if the accused had not been convicted and trial was still on. Intestate succession takes place in accordance with the rules of personal law governing inheritance. Testamentary succession takes place when property is bequeathed through a will.

"A person accused of the murder of one from whom inheritance is claimed, is disentitled from asserting rights, not only under Section 25 of Hindu Succession Act, but also on the principles of justice, fair play and equity. Strict proof is not indispensable in civil proceedings if the preponderance of probabilities points to commission of the offence," the bench said.

"Section 25 of the Hindu Succession Act provides that a person who commits murder or abets the commission of murder shall be disqualified from inheriting the property of the person murdered, or any other property in furtherance of the succession to which such person committed or abetted the commission of murder. Section 27 further declares that where a person is so disqualified, the property shall devolve as if such person had predeceased the intestate," it said.

The court said the principle underlying the provision "is founded upon public policy, justice, equity and good conscience, namely, that no person can be permitted to profit from his own wrong"

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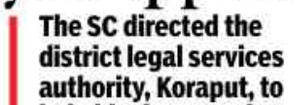

The court said the principle underlying the provision "is founded upon public policy, justice, equity and good conscience, namely, that no person can be permitted to profit from his own wrong" and courts must not validate gains derived from abuse of process or wrongful conduct.

"The statutory provision merely incorporates a long settled equitable doctrine. The bar against a murder accused inheriting the estate of the deceased existed even prior to the coming into force of the Hindu Succession Act.," the bench said.

SC acquits man in jail for 22yrs, raps HC for nixing delayed appeal

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New Delhi: This is how justice is denied when courts go by the letter of the law and not by the spirit. A poor murder convict, who was left abandoned by family and was not given proper legal advice, challenged the trial court's order of his conviction and life imprisonment after nine years delay in Orissa HC which refused to decide his plea on merit and dismissed it on ground of delay. The convict had to specd another 10 years in jail before the Supreme Court came to his rescue.

Terming the HC's order, passed in 2016, "very disturbing", a bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and Ujjal Bhuyan invoked extraordinary power granted to SC to complete justice under Article 142 and directed the convict be released as his conduct in jail has been satisfactory and he had spent 22 years in jail and did not come out of prison even once.

"The high court, while declining to condone the delay, ought to have considered the fact that the petitioner was already undergoing sentence past 12 years. The high court ought to have also considered that it was an appeal through jail. This itself was sufficient for the high court to take a practical view or rather a sympathetic view of the matter and at least ought to have condoned the delay so as to give one opportunity to the petitioner to argue his criminal appeal on merits," the bench said.

The SC directed the district legal services authority, Koraput, to help him in preparing an appropriate representation

The court said the petitioner has not been released even once on parole or furlough and in such circumstances condoning the delay and asking the HC now to hear the criminal appeal on merits will be a futile exercise. "We are convinced that we should release the petitioner on bail in the peculiar facts and circumstances of this case. Thus, in exercise of our jurisdiction under Article 142 of the Constitution as an exceptional case, we order that the petitioner be released on bail on executing a personal bond of Rs.10,000," the bench said.

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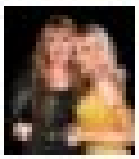

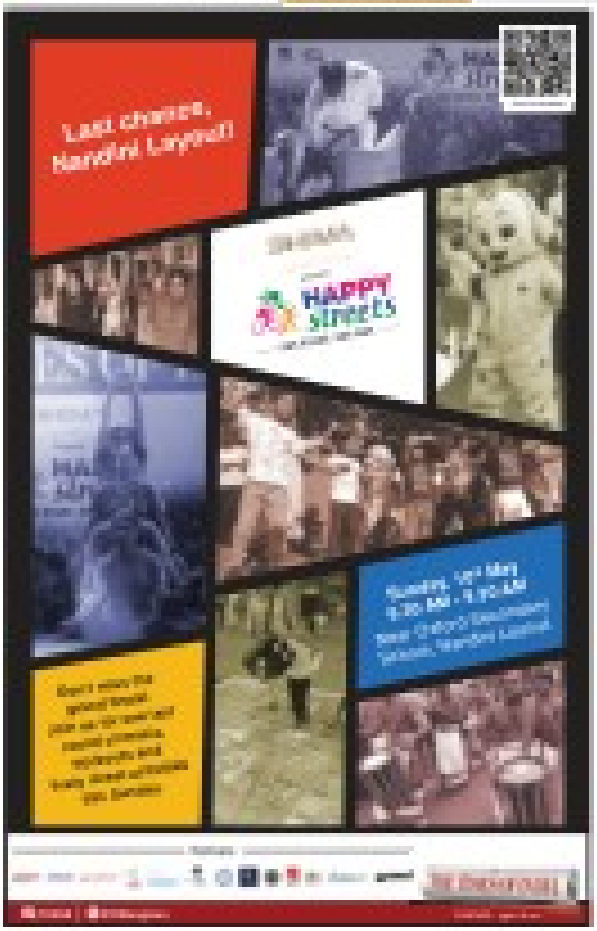

How drama in TN unfolded, the several plots, offers of friendship & a 'betrayal'

Team TOI

The backroom manoeuvring in Tamil Nadu began on May 4 soon after it became clear that C Joseph Vijay's TVK had won 108 seats, 10 short of a simple majority.

AIADMK seniors S P Velumani and C V Shanmugam reportedly plotted together to get 33 of 47 party MLAs to their side and join hands with TVK while skirting the anti-defection law.

Around the same time, on the night of May 4, AIADMK general secretary E K Palaniswami, who apparently did not have any inkling of this, reportedly began talks with Udhayanidhi Stalin on forming a govt with the support of 74 MLAs from DMK and its allies to prevent Vijay from assuming office. The proposal soon gathered momentum, with several senior DMK members mounting pressure on outgoing chief minister M K Stalin to consider a tie-up with arch rival AIADMK.

In parallel, for three days — from May 4 until May 6 noon — Velumani and Shanmugam held hectic parleys with TVK's Bussy Anand and Aadhav Arjuna, besides Vijay's poll strategist Jhon Arokiasamy. The demands they laid out included one ministerial berth for every five MLAs, which adds up to seven, besides the post of one deputy CM.

There was total silence from TVK after Congress MLAs visited its Panaiyur office with letters of support on May 6. TVK broke its silence and resumed talks with the Velumani-Shanmugam-led group on May 7, after VCK, CPI and CPM continued to prevaricate on extending support. However, hours later, as CPI and CPM declared their support for Vijay, TVK again turned cold to the Velumani-Shanmugam proposal.

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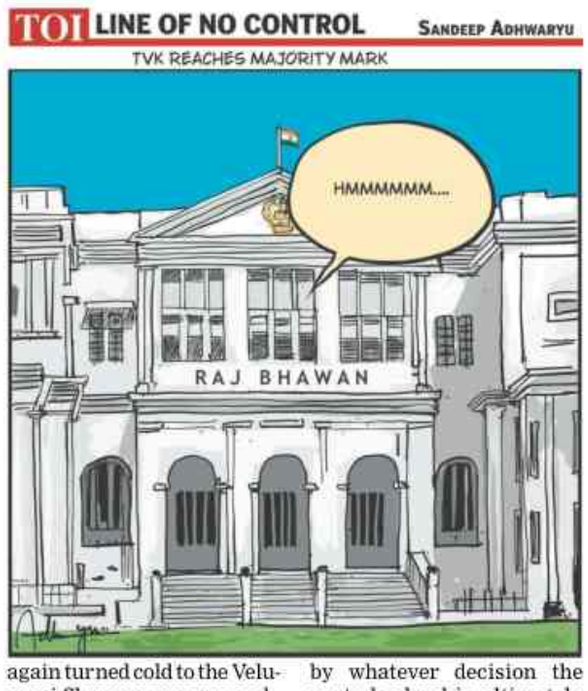

On May 6, Palaniswami, too, swung into action, summoning all newly elected AIADMK MLAs to his camp office. After day-long hectic discussions, he managed to thwart attempts by Velumani and Shanmugam to rally party MLAs in support of Vijay. Palaniswami subsequently deputed party's deputy general secretary K P Munusamy to publicly declare that "AIADMK will not extend support to TVK under any circumstance".

AIADMK MLAs were later corralled at resorts in Puducherry on May 6, in a development reminiscent of the infamous Koovathur resort episode that unfolded in the aftermath of the death of former CM J Jayalalithaa.

On May 7, Stalin held consultations with DMK MLAs and instructed them to abide by whatever decision the party leadership ultimately took. During a meeting with allies CPI, CPM and VCK on Thursday morning, Stalin broached the idea of a DMK-backed, AIADMK-led govt and sought their support. He is said to have urged allies not to sever ties abruptly like Congress. "He told the allies not to do anything without informing him. He said he would not stop them," a leader of the alliance said.

Eventually, the plans of the Dravidian majors failed to take shape after Left parties showed little interest in the proposal and instead decided to support TVK.

On Friday night, VCK chief Thol Thirumavalavan met Stalin, apparently to discuss an amicable separation. However, VCK has kept Vijay waiting, saying a final decision would be announced on the morning of May 9.

Governor cannot question majority stitched post-poll

Times News Network

New Delhi: A governor has no option but to invite the single largest party or a post-poll alliance to form govt after elections and cannot inquire into how the majority support was garnered by the single largest party or the alliance — Supreme Court's constitution benches have ruled consistently, from the landmark S R Bommai judgment in 1994 to Rameshwar Prasad in 2006.

The Rameshwar Prasad judgment, had castigated UPA govt for dissolving the Bihar assembly and imposing President's rule on a report from then governor Buta Singh that there was no pre-poll alliance between JDU and BJP and their coming together smacked of horse-trading in MLAs.

Quoting the Bommai judgment, the majority in the 2006 ruling had said, "The action which results in preventing a political party from staking claim to form a govt after an election on such fanciful assumptions, if allowed to stand, would be destructive of the democratic fabric."

If fanciful claims of horse-trading are taken as the basis to deny the party exhibiting majority support of MLAs to stake claim to form a govt, then "it may also be a handle to reject post-poll alignments and realignments on grounds of the same being unethical, plunging the country or the state to another election," SC had said.

SC had said, "If, after polls, two or more parties come together, it may be difficult to deny their claim of majority on the stated grounds of such illegality. "These are the aspects better left to be determined by the political parties which, of course, must set healthy and ethical standards for themselves, but, in any case, the ultimate judgment has to be left to the electorate and the legislature comprising also of members of the opposition."

Laying emphasis on the floor test that must be faced by the party or coalition staking claim to form govt, SC had struck down President's rule in Bihar and said, "Ultimately, majority shall have to be proved on the floor of the House."

In the Bommai case, a nine-judge bench had cautioned against misuse of gubernatorial powers to dismiss elected govts or dissolve a duly elected assembly and said, "The very enormity of this power undoing the will of the people of a state by dismissing the duly constituted govt and dissolving the duly elected legislative assembly must itself act as a warning against its frequent use or misuse, as the case may be. Every misuse of this power has its consequences which may not be evident immediately but surface in a vicious form a few years later..."

West Bengal victory will plug national security hole: Shah

Tamaghna Banerjee & Rohit Khanna | TNN

Kolkata: Union home minister Amit Shah on Friday framed BJP's sweeping victory in West Bengal not merely as a political win but as a decisive shift tied to national security as he addressed newly elected party MLAs.

"Friends, this victory is not merely about BJP's expansion or ideology. Nor is it about forming a BJP-NDA govt in the 21st state. The biggest importance of this victory is that it plugs one of the biggest holes in India's national security. BJP promises people of Bengal that the country will identify and remove every infiltrator from India," Shah said at the meeting in Kolkata.

The home minister accused the vanquished TMC of "institutionalising political violence, encouraging the criminalisation of politics" and weakening the state's administrative machinery through its 15 years in govt. "In a BJP govt, neither will administration be politicised nor will politics be criminalised."

Shah then moved to highlight BJP's vast footprint. "From Gangotri to Gangasagar, there are now BJP govts. We began this journey in the 1950s with the ideology of Syama Prasad Mookerjee. In 2026, his own party is governing his homeland. We must seek his blessings," he said.

SAFFRON SURGE: A Bhabanipur neighbourhood decks up a day before the new West Bengal govt assumes office

Quoting from Rabindranath Tagore's poem, 'Chitto Jetha Bhayshunyo' (Where the mind is without fear), Shah declared that the change of guard marks the beginning of an era where "the road to a fearless Bengal has widened". He exhorted BJP workers to fulfil the dream of "Sonar Bangla", saying their govt will dismantle Bengal's entrenched "syndicate raj, cut-money politics" and the dominance of local strongmen.

Underscoring the victory's magnitude, Shah pointed out that the new BJP MLAs had won by an average margin of 28,000 votes, with TMC drawing a blank in nine districts.

He struck a conciliatory note towards the end of his address, appealing to all political parties to abjure violence and ensure peace and democratic functioning in the state. "Wherever BJP has formed govts, we have ensured violence-free elections. It is now our responsibility to ensure Bengal, too, witnesses elections free from violence and rigging," Shah said.

New Bengal CM will end cut-money culture, says Shah

PTI

Union minister Amit Shah with Suvendu Adhikari in Kolkata on Friday

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Union home minister Amit Shah said the govt would work to fulfil the dream of a "Sonar Bangla", with the focus on development, infrastructure and good governance.

He vowed to end "politicisation of administration and criminalisation of politics" in West Bengal.

"When criminals become political netas, there cannot be any development. The new CM will end cut-money culture and the rule of musclemen in a few months," he declared.

Shah thanked Bengal for an electoral victory that he said "holds immense significance" for the party, representing the culmination of a long ideological journey.

"From Gangotri to Gangasagar, there is now a BJP govt. We began this journey in the 1950s with the ideology of Syama Prasad Mukherjee. In 2026, the party he founded is governing his homeland. He must be blessing this moment."

Urging BJP functionaries to live up to "people's expectations", Shah said the election of three women MLAs showed how the electorate was aligned with what the party stood for.

"Ratna Debnath (the RG Kar rape-murder victim's mother) was a symbol of protest against torture of women. Rekha Patra is the symbol of protest against torture in Sandeshkhali. Kalita Maji is a symbol of hope against poverty." Adhikari will be the second Bengal CM from East Midnapore after Ajoy Mukherjee.

Bengal must be freed from fear, Shah tells BJP MLAs

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A candidate from the Matua community is also expected to get a place in the cabinet. Ratna Debnath, the mother of the RG Kar Medical College victim, who has won the election, is also in the fray. So is the former president of the Bengal unit of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Shruti Shekhar Goswami.

Assembly CM room to become CMO for now

For the first time in the 95-year history of Bengal assembly building, the CM and the CM's secretariat will work from its premises. The building has offices for the CM and cabinet ministers for use during sessions, but this marks its first use as a full-time CMO. BJP govt will eventually operate from Writers' Building. TNN

Meanwhile, Shah on Friday asked the legislators to "invest their energies to realise the promises" of PM Narendra Modi to the people of Bengal. "Bengal has to be freed from fear. It is the responsibility of every BJP worker to fulfil the dream of Sonar Bangla," he said.

Setting out the ideological framework of the incoming administration, Suvendu Adhikari said govt would draw inspiration from Swami Vivekananda's philosophy of "Charaiveti" (meaning "keep moving forward") along with PM Modi's vision of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas".

Can't sit next to Cong in LS anymore, DMK tells Speaker

Times News Network

New Delhi: The upheaval brought in Tamil Nadu by Congress' decision to break ranks with DMK and align with actor Vijay's TVK is set to effect division in opposition ranks in Parliament, with the Dravidian party seeking a change of seating arrangement for its MPs, many of whom sat alongside members of the main opposition party, Congress.

Kanimozhi, who is the head of the DMK parliamentary party, has written to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla for allotting separate seating to her party's MPs, saying it will enable them to effectively discharge their responsibilities in the House.

The DMK decision has raised the question of if the party is also leaving the INDIA bloc. The seating plan in LS was jointly negotiated by the bloc after the 2024 LS elections, barring TMC, which had bargained its seats separately with the Speaker's office.

"In view of the changed political circumstances, and as our alliance with Congress has come to an end, it may not be appropriate for our members to continue occupying the present seating arrangement alongside them in the House," the LS member said.

Currently, many of DMK's 22 MPs occupy positions in rows with Congress members, with their leader in the House, T R Baalu, being given a front row seat close to leader of the opposition Rahul Gandhi.

DMK has the fifth largest contingent of MPs in LS and has been a solid Congress ally in Parliament. Its MPs were often part of protests with Congress over a host of issues in targeting govt.

In a sign of flux in opposition politics following the recent assembly polls, another key opposition party, the 28-member TMC, which often maintained distance from Congress inside Parliament, has now resolved to strengthen the INDIA bloc following its drubbing in Bengal by BJP.

When Parliament meets, likely in the second half of July, the changed dynamics and evolving equations are bound to come into play. BJP will keenly watch the stand of Stalin's DMK, which has been its ally in the past, on key issues, as it will look to exploit the opposition's fault lines to make a fresh push in TN, where its alliance with AIADMK was pushed to third spot.

Voter support or MLAs' backing? Cong weighs its options in Kerala

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Kochi/New Delhi: Congress leadership has summoned for discussions the key contenders for the post of Kerala CM, with insiders viewing the selection process as a toss-up between "intra-party support" and "public sentiment" relating to two aspirants.

Sources said leader of the opposition VD Satheesan, Ramesh Chennithala, and KC Venugopal, besides state chief Sunny Joseph, will hold talks with party chief Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi. They said a decision on who would head the Kerala govt will be taken by Sunday.

The process moved to Delhi after AICC observers Ajay Maken and Mukul Wasnik — who held a meeting with state legislators a day earlier — submitted their report to Kharge on Friday. Meanwhile, Congress MP from Kerala, Shashi Tharoor, met Kharge and shared his feedback on the issue as well as on the political situation in the state.

According to sources, over 80% of MLAs have named Venugopal as their preferred choice for the top post. It has given a leg up to the AICC general secretary, who

Congress' KC Venugopal and (right) VD Satheesan

is also a close aide of Rahul.

But, they said, the party will have to factor in the "public sentiment" about the netas before making a decision. In their view, Satheesan has strong support among people who view him as the bulwark that steered the Congress-led UDF ship against the Left Front govt over five years.

Besides, Congress would also have to factor in that Venugopal as CM will result in two bypolls — the parliamentary seat he would vacate and the assembly seat he would contest.

Amid the uncertainty, another political formula is also being actively discussed within Congress circles.

According to sources, there are indications that despite commanding majority support in the CLP (Congress legislature party), Venugopal could step aside in favour of Chennithala, citing his experience. The move is reportedly being explored by the Venugopal and Chennithala camps in an apparent attempt to prevent Satheesan from consolidating support for the top post. They believe that Satheesan will be forced to accept this.

AICC observers are understood to have informed the high command that the political situation in Kerala remains sensitive, and a quick decision has to be taken. They also pitched for factoring in the allies' views.

Another issue for consideration is if Rahul can release Venugopal from the post of AICC general secretary in-charge of organisation, where he has emerged over the past few years as Rahul's pointsperson for party issues. Besides, he also runs the Congress management in Parliament and coordination with allies of the INDIA bloc. Venugopal's salience is also evident from the fact that he is the chairman of key parliamentary panel — Public Accounts Committee — that is usually held by the leader of the opposition.

Party brass would like to convince the contenders to accept the final choice, as it would not want any dissonance among disappointed netas to dampen the euphoria of UDF's massive victory.

Hunt for killers of Suvendu's aide expands to UP, Odisha

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Kolkata: Investigation into the murder of Bengal CM-designate Suvendu Adhikari's aide **Chandranath Rath** has expanded to include possible involvement of contract killers from other states, including UP and Odisha.

This came even as sleuths focused on Montu Mondal, a man who was travelling in the SUV in which Rath was shot dead and his driver Buddhadeb Bera suffered multiple bullet wounds. Montu, earlier identified as 'Mintu', escaped after ducking between seats. Police are banking on Montu, reported to be in trauma, for crucial clues.

Sources said a team of investigators left for UP after stumbling upon a call from that state to the owner of a Nissan Micra car, who lives in Matigara, near Siliguri. The call came in response to an ad the owner had posted on a portal to sell his car, police sources said.

A silver-coloured Micra that had blocked Rath's car before bike-borne assailants fired at him had the same registration number as the Matigara car. This Micra was abandoned on the spot and later seized. Cops said footage from CCTVs showed a red hatchback, too, had trailed Rath's SUV. This remains untraced.

Sources said seven to eight people could be involved in the murder. Seven people were questioned and over a dozen detained till late Friday. "No fingerprints or forensic evidence could be recovered from the victim's vehicle, strengthening suspicion about professional assassins. People with a clear knowledge of the roads in the area have been involved in the planning," said an officer.

One of the two bikes used by the assassins was found near Barasat station late Thursday. "The killers might have fled by train. Alternatively, they might have kept the bike near the station to mislead investigators," a police source said. The other bike was found near Kolkata airport early Thursday.

As the probe intensified, the gaze turned to survivor Montu (33). "Montu acted as Rath's assistant and even drove his SUV at times. Montu never sat in the front or middle of the SUV. Files were kept in the middle seat. He sat on the rear left side and went unnoticed by the shooters," said Jhantu, Montu's brother and lawyer.

(Inputs from Amar Kar)

Satheesan backers stage protests, Kerala Cong leadership steps in

Times News Network

T'puram/Kottayam: The Congress leadership in Kerala Friday stepped in after supporters of opposition leader V D Satheesan held demonstrations across the state demanding that he be made the next chief minister and allegedly tore down posters and flex boards of AICC leader K C Venugopal, who is also in contention for the post.

Though KPCC directed Congress workers to refrain from holding demonstrations and erecting flex boards in support of any leader, rallies pledging support to Satheesan were held in the evening as well.

In the afternoon, a large crowd gathered at Palayam in Thiruvananthapuram, holding posters and placards backing Satheesan and raising slogans in his favour. Some among them allegedly tore down flex boards erected in support of Venugopal in front of the state secretariat.

In Malappuram, Congress workers carrying party flags displayed banners reading "Secular Kerala is with VD Satheesan". A rally was held in Thrissur, where supporters of the LOP carried banners stating, "The one who led the (poll) battle should lead the state." Smaller rallies were reported in various parts of Kozhikode and Kasaragod.

In Kottayam, Congress workers took to the streets in Pampady, with panchayat head Siju K Isaac stating that workers who had toiled hard for the party's victory were on the streets today, and Congress should not face the same fate as CPM.

Meanwhile, Idukki MP Dean Kuriakose condemned the district Congress committee's decision to remove party workers from their posts for holding demonstrations in support of Satheesan. He said such demonstrations were natural as party workers had no other ways to express their support.

"Congress is not a cadre-based party that excessively insists on discipline among supporters," he said. "This is an emotional demonstration by party workers who shed their blood and sweat to achieve this landmark victory. Such an action was inappropriate," he added.

(With inputs from PTI)

My choice for CM post not recorded: MLA

Udma MLA-elect **K Neelakandan** has lodged a complaint with AICC observers — Mukul Wasnik & Ajay Maken — alleging his preference for the CM's post was not recorded in the list prepared by them, despite him having conveyed his choice during the consultation. The MLA has also appraised V D Satheesan of the issue. TNN

Brigade takes rain cover for new cabinet swearing-in

Kolkata: With rain clouds looming over Kolkata, round-the-clock preparations are underway at Brigade Parade Ground to make the sprawling venue rainproof for Saturday's oath-taking ceremony of Bengal's first BJP govt, report **Tamaghna Banerjee** and **Sudipto Das**.

Heavy showers on Thursday and Friday left large sections of Maidan slushy and waterlogged, forcing the authorities and event planners to rapidly scale up rain-protection measures to ensure the mega event proceeds without disruption. BJP has also kept Netaji Indoor Stadium ready as an alternative venue.

At the centre of the preparations is a massive three lakh square feet waterproof hangar tent erected to provide cover in case of rain. Additional tarpaulins have been kept ready to expand the covered area, if needed.

More than 1,000 workers are working continuously in shifts to restore the rain-hit ground. The seating capacity has been increased from 50,000 to 80,000 barely a day before the ceremony.

Paver blocks have been laid to the west of the dais to create a dedicated pathway for PM Narendra Modi's motorcade. According to organisers, only Modi and Union minister Amit Shah will use this specially secured access point to the main stage.

The main dais has been divided into three sections — one will accommodate Modi, Shah and the CMs and deputy CMs of BJP-governed states. Another section beside the oath podium has been reserved for the governor and official formalities, while the third will host CM-designate Suvendu Adhikari and his ministers.

Writers' set to turn saffron to welcome new CM today

Kolkata: The Writers' Buildings and several other Bengal govt offices in Kolkata will turn orange after dusk on Saturday to mark the inaugural day of the first-ever BJP govt. The illumination trials were held on Friday evening, report **Subhro Niyogi, Ajanta Chakraborty** and **Suman Chakraborti**.

Sources said the Greco-Roman facade of the Writers', which will once again serve as the state secretariat after its restoration and renovation are completed, would be decked with thousands of orange rice bulbs. Several other buildings, including the assembly house, Kolkata Collectorate and Akashvani Bhavan, will be similarly decked with orange hues from around 5.30pm.

Sudipto Das

Writers' illuminated with saffron lights on Friday

Many state govt buildings received a blue-and-white makeover after Mamata Banerjee assumed office in 2011, but a few heritage buildings like Writers', the state secretariat till 2013, and the Kolkata Collectorate retained the red and off-white shade.

Inside Writers' — where the new CM Suvendu Adhikari is expected to step in around afternoon after taking the oath at Brigade Parade Ground, followed by a trip to the Raj Bhavan to complete formalities — work was underway at a furious pace to complete a makeshift chief minister's office for the symbolic visit.

Adhikari will thereafter function from the chief minister's office at the Vidhan Sabha before returning to Writers' after work on the office is completed. At present, the CMO is being prepared on the second floor, as the rooms on the first floor that served as the CMO are yet to be renovated.

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DIPR/CP/572/CCL/2026-27 **Executive Engineer-Contracts**

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001)
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813. Website: www.pspcl.in
(O/o Controller of Stores & Disposal (South), PSPCL, Patiala)
(Email - cosandds@gmail.com , Mobile no. - 96461-19412, 96461-48165)

Scrap e-Auction Notice

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) will conduct a forward e-auction on 12.05.2026 for the disposal of approximately 40660 Damaged/Unserviceable Distribution Transformers. (Approximate Total Start price Rs. 58.00 crores), lying at various Transformer Receiving Yards and General Scrap. Battery Scrap. E-waste, Plastic Waste lying in various central Stores. TRYs and Outlet stores across Punjab, offered in separate multiple lots for each location. The e-auction will be conducted on the website portal https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/index_new.jsp. The Detailed auction catalogue with Terms & Conditions of e-auction, corrigendum and material list etc. will be available on the website https://www.mstcindia.co.in/content/Forthcoming_e_Auctions_For_All_regions.aspx and on https: www.pspcl.in/e-auction-notice.aspx. For queries related to registration, please contact a: Phone No. 7229068247 or 7230022882.

C 568/26, DPR/Pb.:1079/12/2026-27/11349

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)

EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION

Konkan Railway Corporation Limited has published Employment Notification No. CO/P-R/01/2026 dated 04/05/2026 for following posts in 7th CPC Pay Matrix Level-8 (Rs.47600- 151100) on regular basis:

Post	No. of Vacancies			Total
	UR	OBC-NCL	SC	
Assistant Engineer (Civil)	01	-	-	01
Assistant Medical Officer	02	01	-	03
Assistant Manager / Information Technology	01	-	-	01
Assistant Traffic Manager (Operating & Commercial)	02	01	01	04
Assistant Materials Manager	-	01	-	01
Assistant Mechanical Engineer	-	01	-	01
Assistant Signal & Telecom Engineer	-	-	01	01
Assistant Financial Advisor	-	01	01	02
Assistant Electrical Engineer	-	01	-	01
Assistant Personnel Officer	01	-	-	01
Assistant Deputy General Manager	01	-	-	01

Candidates may see the details of notification, eligibility criteria etc., on the KRCL website **www.konkanrailway.com** at the **Link > Recruitment > Current Notifications > Notifications** and apply accordingly.

Chief Personnel Officer

RAJASTHAN MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.

Gandhi Block, Swasthya Bhawan, Tilak Marg, Jaipur-302005, India, Phone No: 0141-2228066, 2228064,
Website: www.rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in, CIN : U24232RJ2011SGC035067, E-mail : edpssrmsc@rajasthan.gov.in

Ref No. :- F.02 (440)/RMSCL/PROCUREMENT/DRUG/NIB-02/2026-27/422 Dated :- 05/05/2026

Notice Inviting E-Bids

S. No.	Item Name/ Description	Ref. No.	UBN	Estimated Value Rs. in Crore	Last Time & Last date for bid submission
1	Drugs & Medicines	Ref. No.: F.02 (440)/RMSCL/ Procurement/Drug/NIB-02/ 2026-27/4221 Dated : 05.05.2026	MSC2627GLRC00013	8.46 Crore	19.05.2026 upto 06.00 pm

Executive Director (Procurement)

Government of Karnataka
Office of the, Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari

No.PWD/EE/Bly/TS-4/715/2026-27 Date : 07.05.2026

Short term Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division, Ballari invites the tenders for the works detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, through Karnataka Public Procurement portal (KPPP). Two cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded from the web-site https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours.

Note : For any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions or if recalled, tenderers can view in KPP portal. Separate notification in this regard will not be published.

TABLE

Sl No	Details of Work	Estimate Cost (Rs.in Lakhs)
	5054-(Plan)-District and Other Road Bridges :	
1)	**PWD/2026-27/BR/WORK_INDENT35896**	**400.00**
	3054-(Non-Plan)-Maintenance of Bridges on State Highways :	
2)	**PWD/2026-27/BR/WORK_INDENT35891**	**200.00**
	3054-(Non-Plan)-Maintenance of Bridges on MDRs :	
3)	**PWD/2026-27/BR/WORK_INDENT35918**	**200.00**

The Tender Events are as under:

1)Last dates for queries (through KPP portal): **15-05-2026 upto 12.00 Hours**
2)Last date for submission of tenders through KPP portal: **18-05-2026 upto 16.00 Hours**
3)Date and time of opening of Technical Bids.: **19-05-2026 at 16.30 Hours**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/Ballari/2026-27/KSMCA/RO No/124 PWD Division, Ballari.

KARNATAKA STATE INDUSTRIAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)

Khanija Bhavan, 4th Floor, East Wing, No. 49, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. Ph. No.: 080-22258131-32-33
e-mail: murthy.ksiidc@gmail.com // info@ksiidc.com Website: www.ksiidc.karnataka.gov.in

NOTIFICATION TO RECRUIT COMPANY SECRETARY ON CONTRACT BASIS

Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (KSIIDC) is a premier Infrastructure Development Institution of the State functioning as Nodal Agency of the Government for supervising the implementation of current mega Infrastructure and Airport projects. Applications are invited for the below mentioned post from eligible candidates:

Sl. No	Name of the posts (Contract Basis)	Qualification and Experience Details	Monthly consolidated salary	Age limit
01	Company Secretary (One Post)	The candidate must possess ACS (pass in Company Secretary final). Should be a member of the Institute of Companies Secretaries of India (ICSI). Must have an experience of 8-10 years in the relevant field. Knowledge of Kannada, including the ability to speak, read, and write, is essential.	Rs. 1,75,000/-	Minimum 35 years: Maximum 45 years : Age as on the last date prescribed for submission of applications

General Instructions:

1. The appointment for the post of Company Secretary shall be on a contract basis for a period of five (5) years. The contract may be extended based on the Corporation's requirements and the candidate's performance.
2. The mode of selection shall be based on educational qualifications, relevant experience, and performance in the interview.
3. Interested candidates are required to submit their resumes along with copies of educational qualification and experience certificates, either by Speed Post or courier or in person, to the Deputy General Manager (P&A), KSIIDC, at the above-mentioned address. The applications must reach **within 07 days** from the date of publication of this notification. The date and time of the interview will be intimated separately.
4. For any clarification, please contact Deputy General Manager (Mobile No.: 98458-33566).

Sd/- Executive Director

V.O.CHIDAMBARANAR PORT AUTHORITY
TUTICORIN – 628 004
SAGARMALA

INVITATION FOR QUALIFICATION

No. MEE-STOR/23/2025-Mechanical SE(2)/8212 Dated : 07.05.2026

V.O.Chidambaranar Port is a fast growing Sea Port situated on the South East coast of India adjoining the Gulf of Mannar at 8°47' 30" N, and 78°12' 15" E and strategically located very close proximity to International main line shipping Sea route connecting far East with the Western region about 129 nautical miles distance, which handled 0.87 Million TEU's of Containers during the year 2025-26. As per the traffic forecast, the total quantity of containers will be 3.29 Million TEU's in the year 2035 and will increase to 7.51 Million TEU's in the year 2045. Hence, in order to cater to future requirement, V.O.Chidambaranar Port proposes to undertake the Project "**Development of existing Berth No.7 as Container Terminal on DBFOT basis for a period of 30 years**". The Board of Authorities for V.O.Chidambaranar Port invites Application from interested parties (Applicants) in accordance with the Request For Qualification (RFQ) document for short listing of Applicants.

Name of Work	Development of Existing Berth No.7 as Container Terminal on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis at V.O. Chidambaranar Port.
Indicative Project Cost	Rs.517.19 Crores.
Downloading of RFQ Document	07.05.2026 to 22.06.2026
Last date of receiving queries regarding RFQ	25.05.2026
Pre-Application Conference	29.05.2026 at 15.00 hours
Last date for submission	Up to 15.00 hours on 22.06.2026
Date of opening	15.30 hours on 23.06.2026

For Minimum Eligible Qualifying criteria and downloading the RFQ document Applicants may visit Port Website: **www.vocport.gov.in** and Central Public Procurement Portal website: **http://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app (Tender ID No.2026_VOCPT_276615_1)**

CHIEF MECHANICAL ENGINEER

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PANCHAYATH RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION CHANNARAYAPATTANA

ಕಛೇರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 08176-252749

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO 02/2026-27 DATED:04-05-2026

The tender are invited by the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Channarayapattana on be-half of the Governor of Karnataka through KPPP portal for work of (1) IMPROVEMENTS OF ROADS IN VILLAGE LIMITS OF KADAVINABACHALLI, DEVARAMUDDANAHALLI, MUDALAKOPPALU, KEREMEGALAKOPPALU, KABBURU, MALUGANAHALLI, BANTARATALALU, C. HINDALAHALLI, MENAGANAHALLI, CHIKKA KADANURU, DODDAHALLI, SANTHEMAIDHANA, DONAGHATTA, MUKKANAHALLI, ANEKANNAMBADI, DEVARAGUDDANAHALLI, KALLALLI, MANGALAVADI, HALLIMYSURU, GOHALLI, TEJURU, T. MAYAGOWDANAHALLI, THATHANAHALLI, DEVIPURA, KYATHANAHALLI, H.HINDALAHALLI, GUDENAHALLI, HAADYA, BIDARAKKA, KOGILAHALLI, MALANAYAKANAHALLI, BEDIGANAHALLI KOPPALU, BANDIGANAHALLI, JODIGUBBI, KUPPE, KERAGODU, UDDURU, UDDURUHOSAHALLI, K. MUDDANAHALLI, HARAGOWDANAHALLI, CHOLENAHALLI, DASANAKOPPALU, JAKKANAHALLI, ANNECHAKANAHALLI VILLAGES OF HALLIMYSURU HOBLI IN HOLENARSIPURA TALUK OF ARAKALAGUDU ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY IN HASSAN DISTRICT.RDPR/2025-26/RD/ WORK_INDENT25831 TENDER AMOUNT: , RS 296.02 LAKHS (EXCLUDING GST)which are sanctioned under the head of account of 2025-26TH CMIDP (HONOURABLE CHIEF MINSTER INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM) The work details are available in the KPPP portal. THE IMPORTANT DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications 15-05-2026 17.00 hours Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders 16-05-2026 17.00 hours Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid 18-05-2026 11.00 hours Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid After approval of Technical bid Note:-The right is reserved to reject or cancel the any or all tenders at any stage without Assign any reason thereof

sd/-Executive Engineer, PRE
Divisin, Channarayapattana

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34001/176/2627

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER ELECTRICAL CIRCLE (R&B) NIRMAN SOUDHA BHUBANESWAR

E-mail - seec.bbsr2010@gmail.com
Bid Identification No.S.E.E.C (R&B) 09/2026-27
No 2008 / Date 07.05.2026

The Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids for E.I. works which are to be received through online bidding, double cover system as detailed in :**https://tendersorissa.gov.in**. The details of bid documents will be available in the above website from dt.17.05.2026 at 05.00 P.M. to dt.02.06.2026 up to 05.00 P.M. The bidders must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate of Class II or III. Bids received online shall be opened dt.03.06.2026 at 11.30 A.M. in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**.

Addendum / Corrigendum, if required, will be available only in the Website.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, BBSR

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STATE COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION & VOCATIONAL TRAINING, ODISHA

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SCTE & VT, ODISHA

vcsctevt.odisha@gmail.com, Unit-VIII, BBSR, Odisha-751012, 0674-2392913

No. 919/Date 07.05.2026

Corrigendum

With reference to the RFP. No: 784 Dated: 20.04.2026 & e-Tender ID : **2026_DTET_128332_1** published in **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**, kindly note that Sl. No-15 of Section IV of this RFP mentioned at Page No : 23 of RFP has been amended. For details visit **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** & **https://sctevt.odisha.gov.in**.

Sd/-
VC, SCTE & VT

OIPR-14001/14049/1/26-27/0003

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SOUTH WESTRN RAILWAY, MYSURU DIVISON, MYSURU)

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 20 A of the Railway Act 1989 (24 of 1989) (herein after referred to as the said Act), the central Government after being satisfied that for the public purpose. The brief description of the land which has been given in the schedule annexed hereto is required for the execution of the Special railway project, in lieu of Level crossing No. 82, between Karadi - Tiptur Railway Stations in Tiptur Town (Bandihalli Gate) for construction of RUB in the State of Karnataka, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within Thirty days from the date of publication of this notification in the official Gazette, raise objection to the acquisition and use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of Section 20D of the said Act:

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority and Special Land Acquisition Officer, Tumakuru-Rayadurga and Tumakuru-Davanagere Railway project, Tumakuru for ROB / RUB's in lieu of Level crossing No. 82, between Karadi - Tiptur Railway Stations in Tiptur Town (Bandihalli Gate) in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the competent authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the competent authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections:

Any order made by the competent authority under sub-section (2) of Section 20 D of the said Act shall be final:

The land plans and other details of the land covered under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid Office of the Competent Authority and Special Land Acquisition Officer, Tumakuru-Rayadurga and Tumakuru-Davanagere Railway project, Tumakuru.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling with in the proposed Special Railway Project of RUB Construction in lieu of Level crossing No. 82, between Karadi - Tiptur Railway Stations in Tiptur Town (Bandihalli Gate) in the State of Karnataka.

DISTRICT: TUMAKURU **HOBLI:** KASABA
TALUK: TIPTUR, **VILLAGE / TOWN:** TIPTUR

Sl. No.	Sy. No.	Name of Land Owner	Acquired Extent (In Acres-Guntas)				Classification of land
			Total (A-G)	A Kharab (A-G)	B Kharab (A-G)	Balance (A-G)	
1	109	S.S. Rudraiah S/O Shankarappa Vivekananda S/O S.S. Rudraiah (joint)	0-00 1/2	-	-	0-00 1/2	N.A.K.,
2	110/1	Mangala T.M. W/O Mruthyunjaya C.B., T.M. Anupama D/O T.M. Manjunatha (Joint)	0-05 1/2	-	-	0-05 1/2	Dry
3	111/1A	Manjula W/O Jayanna	0-01	-	-	0-01	Dry
4	111/1C1	N.Kumar S/O Nanjappa, T.G. Nagaraju S/O Gurappa, B.S. Basavaraju S/O Shivanna, Kumar Swamy S/O Basavaraju	0-00 1/4	-	-	0-00 1/4	Dry
5	111/1C2	B.S. Channegowda S/O Late Nanjappa	0-02 1/2	-	-	0-02 1/2	N.A.K.
6	111/1B	Chandramma Father Ningappa	0-01 1/2	-	-	0-01 1/2	Dry
7	112/1	Kamala W/O B.N. Shankarappa	0-01 1/2	-	-	0-01 1/2	Dry
8	112/2B	Nanjamma W/O Mariyappa, Shivanna, T. Siddalingaiah and T. Nanjaiah (Joint) Leelamma urf Neelamma W/O Shivananda K	0-01 1/4	-	-	0-01 1/4	Dry
9	129/1A1	M.R. Dinesh Babu S/O M.S. Ramalingappa	0-03	-	-	0-03	Dry
10	129/2A	B.N. Padmakshamma D/O B Narayanarao, B.S. Gururaj S/O Srinivasamurthy (Joint)	0-03 3/4	-	-	0-03 3/4	N.A.K.
11	129/6	Vijaya Kumari W/O Late Basavaraju	0-01 1/2	-	-	0-01 1/2	N.A.K.
12	129/5	T.C. Ananda S/O Late Chandrappa	0-01 1/2	-	-	0-01 1/2	N.A.K.
13	129/4	Yashodamma W/O Late Mahadevappa	0-01 1/2	-	-	0-01 1/2	Dry
14	129/8	Yashodamma W/O Late Mahadevappa	0-02	-	-	0-02	Dry
		Total	**0-27 1/4**	**-**	**-**	**0-27 1/4**	**-**

ABSTRACT

N.A.K.	DRY	KHARAB	TOTAL
0-09 3/4	0-17 1/2	-	0-27 1/4

Sd/-
Special Land Acqusition Officer & Competent Authority
Special Railway Project, Tumakuru

PUB/107/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2026-27

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By E_Mail/e-Despatch
E_Mail ID : serwcbaripada@gmail.com
Ph-No - 06792-261343 / 261344
Gangraj, Baripada

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BARIPADA

"e" Procurement Notice for Plan Road Work
Identification No.- Online Tender- Road N.C.B. No. 411 for 2026-27
Letter No. 2540/ Date : 30.04.2026

1. Name of the work : Road Work in the District of Mayurbhanj for the year 26-26.
2. Total No. of work : 26 Nos. (Twenty Six)
3. Estimated Cost : **Rs.297.32 Lakhs to Rs.695.84 Lakhs** (approximately).
4. Eligible Class of Contractor : As per Annexure
5. Period of Completion : As per Annexure
6. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O C.C.E.R.W. Circle, Baripada	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Baripada	Road On-line N.C.B. No. 411	Dt. 15.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	Dt. 29.05.2026 up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt. 28.05.2026 up to 1.00 P.M.	Dt. 30.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

- **Further details can be seen from the website : www.tendersodisha.gov.in.**
- **Any Corrigendum/ Addendum will be displayed in the above e_tender website only.**

Sd/- **A.K Naik**
Chief Construction Engineer
R.W.Circle, Baripada

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Email ID - sepwdbalangir@gmail.com

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER BALANGIR (R&B) CIRCLE, BALANGIR
Bid Identification No. CCE (R&B) BGR/20/2025-26
Letter No. 1349 // Dtd. 04.05.2026
CANCELLATION OF BID

1. The following works of the above notification tender are here by cancelled due to technical ground.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Tender ID	Approx. Value of the Work (In Crore)	Concerned Tender Inviting Authority	Concerned (R&B) Division	Security Amount (Rs.) (Online)	Cost of Bid Document (Rs.) (Online)	Class of Bidder	Period of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	CONSTRUCTION OF 12 NOS E-TYPE QTR (G+2) AT CHC LOHISINGA	2026_EIC CL_12819 3_1	Rs. 3.45 Crore (Civil+El +PH)	C.C.E., Balangir (R&B) Circle, Balangir	Balangir	3,45,000.00 (Online)	10,000.00 (Online)	"A" Class	09 (Nine) Calendar months
2	CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL QUARTER FOR SUB – COLLECTOR AT TITILAGARH IN THE DISTRICT OF BALANGIR	2026_EIC CL_12819 3_2	Rs. 1.15 Crore (Civil+El +PH)	C.C.E., Balangir (R&B) Circle, Balangir	Kantabanji	1,15,000.00 (Online)	10,000.00 (Online)	"A" & "B" Class	07 (Seven) Calendar months
3	CONSTRUCTION OF H L BRIDGE OVER SUKULI NALLAH AT 14/950 KM ON NARLABHUTIGARH ROAD IN THE DISTRICT OF KALAHANDI UNDER STATE PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2025-26	2026_EIC CL_12819 3_3	Rs 4.85 Crore (Civil)	C.C.E., Balangir (R&B) Circle, Balangir	Kalahandi	4,85,000.00 (Online)	10,000.00 (Online)	"A" Class	11 (Eleven) Calendar months

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Chief Engineer,
Balangir (R&B) Circle, Balangir

Bihar State Education Finance Corporation Limited

Govt. of Bihar

Annexe Building, Block-3, Main Secretariat Campus, Patna-800015
(A Govt. of Bihar Undertaking)

Notice Inviting Tender
NIT Number: BSEFCL/01/2026-27

Bihar State Education Finance Corporation Limited, Patna (BSEFCL) invites tender from eligible bidders in India for selection of "**Verification Agency**" to verify the payments made towards disbursement of Education Loan under Bihar Student Credit Card Scheme. Interested firms having adequate experience are required to download RFP document from website https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in after 11th May, 2026.

Last date of submission of tender is 04th June, 2026, 15:00 hrs

For any enquiry, please contact HELP DESK of e-Procurement system of GoB.

Mjunction Services Limited
RJ Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajpura, Ashiana Road,P.S. - Shastri Nagar, Patna- 800 014,
Toll Free No: 1800 572 6571
Email Id: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in, Web: https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in

* For any queries related to Tender please contact to Mr. Rounak Kumar Saha, Accounts Manager, BSEFCL, Patna on Mob: +91-8986596457.

CEO-cum-MD of BSEFCL reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

(CEO-cum-MD)
PR. No. 002756 (Finance) 2026-27 Bihar State Education Finance Corporation Limited

This information is available on website **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar** also

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
KHAIRIBHANDAN & DEO IRRIGATION PROJECT, KARANJIA
AT/PO: KARANJIA, DIST.: MAYURBHANJ-757037
Tel: 06796-296144, e-mail: cce.dip.dowr@gmail.com

"e" Procurement Notice No. 04/ CCEKDIP of 2026-27
Bid Identification No. 04/ CCEKDIP of 2026-27

1. Nature of the Work : Civil Work
2. Number of Works : 01 (One) No of Individual Work
3. Approximate amount put to tender : Rs.2016.42 Lakh
4. Period of Completion : 12 (Twelve) Calendar Months including rainy season
5. Class of Contractor : Special Class & Super Class
6. Date & time of Availability of Bid document in the portal : Dt. 06.05.2026 at 10.00 AM to 26.05.2026 up to 5.30 PM
7. Last date & time of seeking tender clarification : Dt. 17.05.2026 up to 5.30 PM through email
8. Date & time for Pre-Bid Conference : 19.05.2026, 11.00 AM
9. Last date & time of receipt of Bids in the Portal : Dt. 26.05.2026 up to 5.30 PM
10. Date, time & place of opening of Technical Bid/s (Cover-I) : Dt. 28.05.2026 at 10.30 AM in O/o the Chief Construction Engineer, Khairibhandan & Deo Irrigation Project, Karanjia
11. Date, time & place of opening of Financial Bid/s (Cover-II) : To be intimated after evaluation of Technical BID
12. Name & address of the officer inviting Bid : Chief Construction Engineer, Khairibhandan & Deo Irrigation Project, Karanjia, AT/PO-Karanjia, PS-Karanjia, Dist-Mayurbhanj, PIN-757037

*Further details can be seen from the Govt. website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**.
Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said Website.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Khairibhandan & Deo Irrigation Project, Karanjia

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NCRB tracks animal cruelty cases for 1st time: 10,312 arrested in 2024

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Report shows police disposed of nearly 77% (6,969) of the total cases with 2,070 cases, approximately 23%, pending investigation at year-end in '24

New Delhi: National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has for the first time tracked the cases of cruelty against animals and compiled the data, noting registration of 9,039 cases and arrest of 10,312 persons in the country in 2024.

Maharashtra recorded highest number (2,356) of such cases followed by Madhya Pradesh (1,346), Uttar Pradesh (1,121), Gujarat (526) and Tamil Nadu (457). The data tracks animal cruelty cases under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, ranging from FIR registration and investigation to filing of chargesheet and court disposal. It gives India its first national-level statistical picture of how animal cruelty offences are handled by the system. It also separately records 8,660 cases of animal theft, valued at Rs 48.8 crore, with a recovery rate of nearly 45%, exceeding the national average for property crimes.

"The formal recording of crimes under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act by the NCRB is a significant step toward transparency and data driven governance. While many cases still go unreported, moving from anecdotes to hard data allows us to clearly see how the system is functioning," said the animal welfare activist, Gauri Maulekhi. She told **TOI** that the dataset provides a valuable roadmap to examine the entire criminal justice chain, from police responsiveness to judicial resolution. "Overall, this is a major step in the right direction for our legal system and a strong foundation for future progress."

At the trial stage, it reflects a high conviction rate of more than 80%, rising to nearly 94% in metropolitan areas, showing that cases which reach conclusion are largely supported by evidence. At the same time, over 82% of cases remain pending for trial before courts, pointing to significant delays in judicial disposal.

Kolkata Police unfollows Didi, nephew on X

Kolkata: Kolkata Police has undergone a symbolic digital shift following BJP's landmark victory in Bengal assembly elections, with the force's official 'X' handle unfollowing outgoing CM Mamata Banerjee and TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, **reports Dwaipayan Ghosh**.

In a move signalling alignment with the changing political landscape, the handle now follows PM Narendra Modi, home minister Amit Shah and PMO and MHA's official accounts. The transition coincides with withdrawal of additional security from TMC headquarters and netas' homes across the city.

'Strived to ensure equipment worked at full combat potential'

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At the support base, we frequently heard the roar of fighter jets taking off and the constant wail of air-raid sirens. By late morning, in May, the temperature was already approaching 50 degrees Celsius (122 degrees Fahrenheit). It was a real ordeal for us, both mentally and physically," Zhang said.

What drove his team was the "desire to do an even better job with on-site support" and to ensure their equipment could "truly perform at its full combat potential", Zhang told CCTV. "That wasn't just a recognition of the J10CE; it was also a testament to the deep bond we formed through working side by side, day in and day out," he said. Chinese foreign ministry and military officials have either parried or played down allegations of China's support for Pakistan during the conflict.

There was no official reaction to India's Deputy Chief of Army Staff Lt General Rahul R Singh's assertion that Beijing provided active military support to Pakistan during Operation Sindoor, using the conflict as a "live lab".

In an address at a seminar on "New Age Military Technologies" organised by industry chamber FICCI in July last year, Lt Gen Singh suggested that China used its satellites to monitor Indian military deployment as the Pakistani military was getting live inputs on it during the DGMO-level phone talks.

The Deputy Chief of Army Staff likened China's strategy during Operation Sindoor to its ancient military strategy of "36 stratagems" and killing the adversary with a "borrowed knife" to buttress the point that Beijing extended all possible support to Pakistan to cause pain to India.

Chinese officials and social media played up Pakistan's claims of shooting down Indian fighter planes to showcase Chinese tech superiority, even though there was no evidence to support Islamabad's assertion.

Crimes by foreigners in Goa more than six times those against them: Data

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In 2025, FRRO-Goa deported 120 foreign nationals for overstaying

Panaji: The number of crimes committed by foreigners in Goa is more than six times the number of offences committed against them in 2022-2024 period.

Data from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) shows that from 2022 to 2024, Goa police registered 251 cases involving foreigners—of these, 206 were committed by them and in 45 cases, they were the victims.

Cases in which foreigners have been booked or arrested across the country include attempt to murder, rape, rioting, assault on public servants, cheating, offences under the Foreigners Act, immoral trafficking, possession and peddling of narcotics, and theft.

In Goa, cases were registered against citizens of Nigeria, Russia, Nepal, Tanzania, Bulgaria, Portugal, Uganda, Bangladesh, Liberia, Kenya, Ivory Coast and Bangladesh. Their offences include attempt to murder, rape, rioting, assault on public servants, cheating, violation of the Foreigners Act, immoral trafficking, narcotics, and theft.

With the increasing number of crimes by foreigners, Goa police have established a detention centre at Mapusa. Police said that people found to be involved in illegal activities or overstaying are lodged in the detention centre, and the FRRO starts their deportation process.

Police said that in some cases, deportation takes a long time due to verification of documents.

Police investigations in narcotic cases against foreign nationals have revealed that foreigners without valid travel documents have been getting involved in illegal activities to continue their stay in Goa.

A senior Goa police officer said that the law applies equally to all, including international tourists, and that police take lawful action against all persons involved in crimes.

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VACANCY NOTICE
EXTENSION OF LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

The vacancy notice published in the Employment News edition dated 21-27 March 2026 for filling the following four (04) posts in the Mahadayi PRAWAH on a deputation basis (including short-term contract) by this office is hereby revised. **The last date for submission of duly filled applications, which was 04.05.2026, has been further extended by 30 days from the date of publication of this vacancy notice in the Employment News.**

S.No.	Name of the post	Pay Scale	No. of Posts.
1	Member (Environmental Issues)	Level-14 (Rs.144200-218200)	01
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4	Director (Finance)	Level-13 (Rs.123100-215900)	01

2. All other terms and conditions of the previous vacancy notice shall remain unchanged. The interested candidates who have not yet applied may submit their applications as per the procedure mentioned in the detailed vacancy notice available on the official website: **jalshakti-dowr.gov.in.** and **dopt.gov.in.**

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FORM No. STK –6
PUBLIC NOTICE

[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]

Public : ROC/C-PACE/STK-2/248(2)/2026-27/191 **Date: 04/05/2026**

Reference:

In the matter of striking off or removal of names of **(64)** companies in the **Karnataka** state under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:

S.No.	Work Item	CIN	Company Name
1	AC3016148	U15110KA2021PTC154016	BEEWORKS WINES PRIVATE LIMITED
2	AC3022712	U80902KA2021PTC151719	LEIBNITZ TRAINING ACADEMY PRIVATE LIMITED
3	AC3039639	U45209KA2021PTC152761	NVSS CONSTRUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
4	AC3023978	U62099KA2023OPC174263	GAKAARA GLOBAL GROWTH VENTURES (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
5	AC3055769	U80902KA2019PTC123890	KEN LEARNING PRIVATE LIMITED
6	AC3038445	U72200KA2018PTC112229	TECHCENSE SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
7	AC3075693	U59111KA2023PTC179421	KANMINCHU PRODUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
8	AC3140037	U52243KA2024PTC187919	JET NEXUS INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS PRIVATE LIMITED
9	AC3072108	U72900KA2021PTC153977	ELEMENTUMTECH SOLUTIONS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
10	AC3068564	U72900KA2016PTC097307	OFFON LABS PRIVATE LIMITED
11	AC3058724	U62099KA2023PTC177812	EGAS TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
12	AC3088262	U62011KA2024PTC195711	GODER HELE VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED
13	AC3094573	U62099KA2023PTC174055	GURUVIDHYA IT SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
14	AC3084310	U72900KA2018PTC114989	SYNAPSES INSIGHTS PRIVATE LIMITED
15	AC3083825	U01119KA2007PTC041953	HILLGREEN PLANTATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
16	AC3105549	U65923KA2016PTC085640	SHRI KAMADHENU WEALTH CREATORS PRIVATE LIMITED
17	AC3099262	U67190KA2017PTC101866	PIXIE DIGIFIN PRIVATE LIMITED
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19	AC3100790	U38210KA2025PTC202648	SARVAMZEROWASTE PRIVATE LIMITED
20	AC3138586	U29249KA2021FTC142959	QUALICAL INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
21	AC3151777	U62099KA2023PTC181838	AMPHIBIANS VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED
22	AC3142174	U29299KA2007FTC044209	OLAER FAWCETT CHRISTIE HYDRAULICS (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED
23	AC3116242	U50404KA2022PTC165894	RAVINDU AUTOMOBILES PRIVATE LIMITED
24	AC3145945	U27320KA2013PTC070616	AADIDEV SPHEROCAST PRIVATE LIMITED
25	AC3147369	U32309KA2000PTC026286	CARDINAL COMMUNICATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
26	AC3150587	U46529KA2025PTC199826	BFLO INNOVATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
27	AC3134814	U43122KA2025PTC200370	SUPER CHARGE VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED
28	AC3124875	U85310KA2019OPC126068	PGDILS HEALTHCARE SERVICES (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
29	AC3157220	U72100KA2020PTC134518	UBER-QUANTUM BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
30	AC3218988	U72900KA2021PTC145066	TRIPEERS TECH PRIVATE LIMITED
31	AC3093632	U46512KA2024PTC188696	NILAANJANA SOFTWARE PRIVATE LIMITED
32	AC3191646	U74900KA2000PTC026502	STRATEGI HERBALS PRIVATE LIMITED
33	AC3197574	U82920KA2024OPC189229	ACHYUTA CRAFT PAPER (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
34	AC3237640	U74999KA2018PTC110375	INTELLIVOS CONSULTING PRIVATE LIMITED
35	AC2988153	U74999KA2012PTC064560	WOWWAY LABS PRIVATE LIMITED
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45	AC2722050	U78300KA2025OPC204562	ROY JOSEPH'S BESPOKE TALENT (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
46	AC2726175	U72900KA2019PTC126591	THINKAHOY PRIVATE LIMITED
47	AC2748412	U62099KA2025PTC198208	AIKYAM INTELLIGENCE PRIVATE LIMITED
48	AC2820851	U35100KA2018PTC114041	VIRASAA GLOBAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES PRIVATE LIMITED
49	AC2828143	U85110KA1993PLC014175	HI-TECH AGRO PLANTATIONS LIMITED
50	AC2780626	U80200KA2024PTC184880	CLOUDSECGURU PRIVATE LIMITED
51	AC2798342	U67100KA2019PTC123423	EKA CAPITAL PRIVATE LIMITED
52	AC2809422	U45309KA2022PTC168176	AMULYAJYOTHI INFRASTRUCTURE PRIVATE LIMITED
53	AC2826111	U55101KA2020PTC142366	DIETARY CODE PRIVATE LIMITED
54	AC2850968	U24290KA2020PTC142785	SHREEKUMAR AYURVEDA ASHRAMA PRIVATE LIMITED
55	AC2823619	U32500KA2024OPC183308	SANBOREG MANUFACTURING AND TECHNOLOGIES (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
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60	AC2842008	U14100KA2025PTC196454	SHARK N DINO PRIVATE LIMITED
61	AC2663290	U62099KA2025PTC213301	NIRATA AI PRIVATE LIMITED
62	AC2856012	U74999KA2019PTC123416	STEPWORTH CONSULTANT PRIVATE LIMITED
63	AC3136944	U74900KA2014PTC073387	GOLD PALACE FASHION VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED
64	AC2872242	U01100KA2020PTC139053	LIFE FARMA AGRO PRIVATE LIMITED

2. Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/ have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under sub-section (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.
3. Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.
4. Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

Irkan Tirkey
Deputy Registrar
Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit

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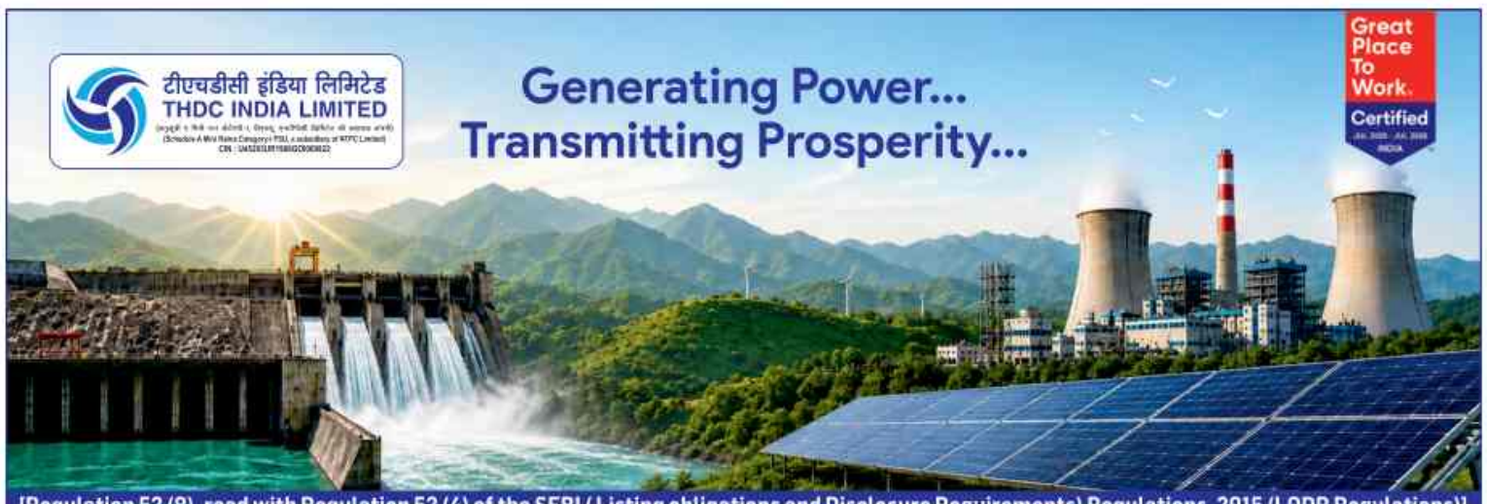

[Regulation 52 (8), read with Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (LODR Regulations)]
Extract of the Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended 31 March 2026 (₹ in Cr)

S. No.	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated			
		Quarter ended		Year ended		Quarter ended		Year ended	
		31.03.2026 (Audited)**	31.03.2025 (Audited)**	31.03.2026 (Audited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)	31.03.2026 (Audited)**	31.03.2025 (Audited)**	31.03.2026 (Audited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Total Income from Operations	2773.70	1026.72	7087.50	2712.38	2773.72	1026.86	7087.66	2713.45
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	124.37	258.64	1028.58	850.22	116.46	257.18	1018.84	847.65
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	124.37	258.64	1028.58	850.22	116.46	257.18	1018.84	847.65
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	189.29	186.70	1036.15	732.91	183.32	185.53	1028.97	730.95
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	181.36	178.84	1028.94	724.95	175.39	177.67	1021.76	722.99
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	4358.53	3665.88	4358.53	3665.88	4358.53	3665.88	4358.53	3665.88
7	Other equity (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	7965.38	7383.46	7965.38	7383.46	7955.92	7379.32	7955.92	7379.32
8	Securities Premium Account	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Net worth*	12323.91	11044.29	12323.91	11044.29	12314.45	11040.15	12314.45	11040.15
10	Paid up Debt Capital	23249.92	22044.68	23249.92	22044.68	23320.28	22109.22	23320.28	22109.22
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Debt Equity Ratio	1.89	2.00	1.89	2.00	1.89	2.00	1.89	2.00
13	Earnings Per equity share (of ₹ 10/-each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -								
	1. Basic: (in ₹)	0.48	0.51	2.79	2.00	0.47	0.51	2.78	2.00
	2. Diluted: (in ₹)	0.48	0.51	2.79	2.00	0.47	0.51	2.78	2.00
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	467.26	362.84	467.26	362.84	467.26	362.84	467.26	362.84
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.52	1.92	1.68	1.92	1.51	1.92	1.67	1.89
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	1.98	2.99	2.37	3.51	1.97	2.98	2.37	3.50

- Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind AS Rules / AS Rules, whichever is applicable.
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15	Neonatology*	-	01 SC	-	02 (01 OBC, 01 SC)
16	Nephrology*	01 OBC	01 ST	01 SC	-
17	Neurology*	01 UR	01 UR	01 OBC	03 (02 OBC, 01 ST)
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23	Pulmonary Medicine*	-	01 SC	-	01 SC
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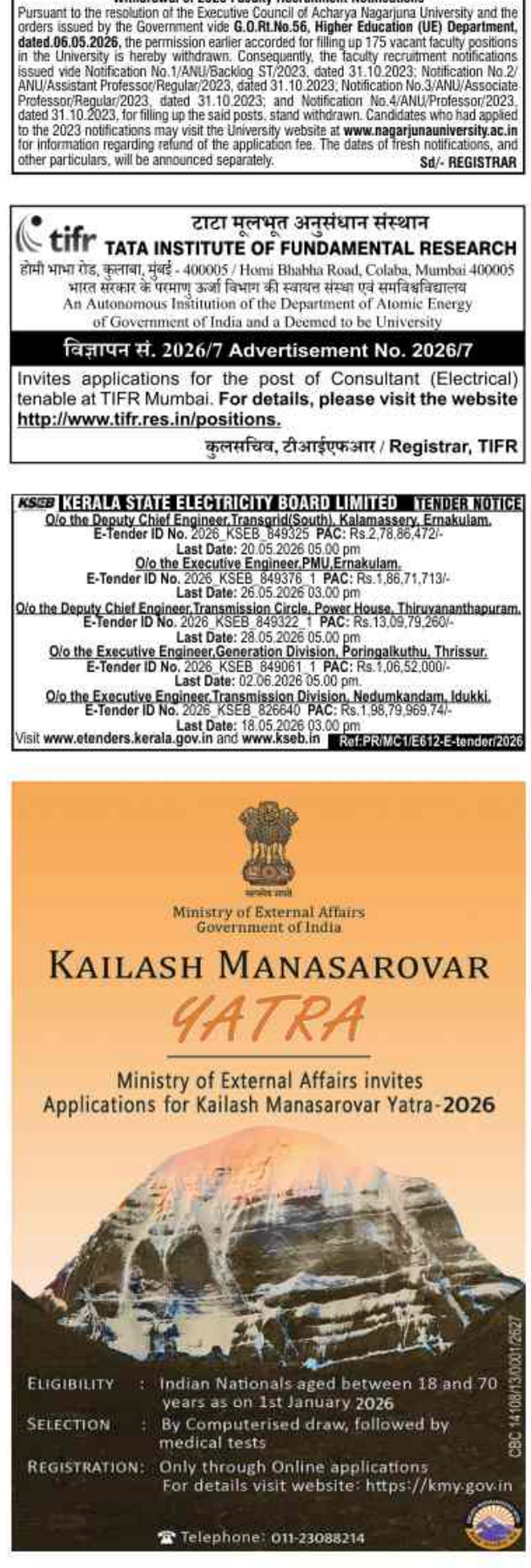
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A thought for today

A sad soul can kill quicker than a germ

JOHN STEINBECK

Chief Message

Suvendu, Vijay have particularly tough jobs to do

There was a meme doing the rounds that Bengal's waiting a resignation letter, Tamil Nadu's waiting an appointment letter, and Kerala's waiting to see who's appointed. Now one is done – Suvendu Adhikari, frontrunner for Bengal CM's post, has the job. The second is on the boil – Vijay is Tamil Nadu's CM-designate, with support from Congress's 5, CPI's 2, CPM's 2 and others, taking the total, with his party's 107 seats, to over the halfway mark of 118. The third's still work-in-progress, some Tweedledum Tweedledee, as Congress tosses and turns on neta names and Delhi-Kochi games.

Adhikari's primary task, and challenge, is to ensure peaceful transition in the days ahead, as he grapples with dismantling a political infrastructure shaped by a culture of political violence. The mandate for BJP was a vote for change, an anti-incumbency vote. How that is imagined in terms of jobs, education, health infra, will be key. Peace and stability are essential if investors are, at last, to hop on to the Howrah Express.

As for Tamil Nadu, investors are holding their breath. It's never quite done, until CM is in the chair. And sometimes, even then, it still isn't done. As debutant Vijay is finding out. Governor, controversially, had put him to the primary test – get the numbers. Now that he has passed that, he must pass a floor test, vote of MLAs' confidence, which, sometimes, can be slippery, going by experience across states. Once Vijay has the House's confidence, he'll need to get down to, what is, any minority govt's primary task – consensus building and collaboration, to turn the wheels of good governance. Leading a minority govt is hard work, never done-and-dusted. A tough challenge for political veterans – for a newbie, it's truly baptism by fire.

Germ War

Hantavirus a nudge to test our pandemic readiness

A cruise ship has become the scene of a deadly virus outbreak, and everyone's on edge. Is another pandemic starting? No. Hantaviruses – there are many types – mostly don't spread human-to-human. Also, unlike Covid virus, which was 'novel' or new, Hantaviruses have been around forever, sickening and killing humans across continents. That said, the virus strain that's caused the MV Hondius outbreak is different. It's the 'Andes strain' that, according to WHO, shows "limited transmission capability between humans". That's how eight suspected cases – five confirmed – and three deaths have occurred. It's also a far deadlier strain, capable of killing up to half of infected persons.

Any place with rodents – rats, mice – can have an outbreak, and India's had some. Warehouse workers, who come in contact with rodent urine, droppings and saliva, and rodent catchers, like TN's Irula tribe, are especially susceptible. As far as the ship outbreak with Andes strain is concerned, no case has been detected in India so far. But since exposed persons may not show symptoms for up to six weeks, we should be on our guard. Contact tracing the ship's passengers is the first line of defence. After that, it's time to put our Covid learnings to use. Niti Aayog in 2024 said the first 100 days of an outbreak are most crucial. We are still in those first few weeks. Is our epidemiological surveillance on, is the integrated health information platform active? And when are we planning to enact the proposed Public Health Emergency Management Act?

A Science Of Infidelity? Apparently, It Exists

A psychologist points to brain's hidden architecture

In the 16 years since his divorce, golfer Tiger Woods has publicly regretted cheating on his wife, Elin, umpteen times. "My regret will last a lifetime," he wrote in his 2017 book '*Unprecedented*'. It might sound dishonest, knowing that Woods was a serial cheater, but if he's telling the truth, why did he cheat? Clinical psychologist ***Glenn Hutchinson*** has some answers in his book '***Unfaithful Minds: The Science and Psychology of Infidelity***'.

Cheating is surprisingly common over a lifetime. A 1993 US survey found that only 3-4% of spouses had other sexual partners *in a year*. But by the time they hit 60 – per a 2006 survey – 28% of married men and 15% of women had cheated. Standard explanations, like a failing marriage, or overwhelming passion, fail when you encounter infidelity in happily married couples. Hutchinson says the real drivers of infidelity in these cases are hidden, not just from the cheated half, but also the cheater. They arise, in fact, from the brain's "hidden architecture".

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SHORT TAKES ON BIG IDEAS

We think of ourselves as consciously deliberating and choosing, but the mind does most of its processing entirely below the surface of awareness, says Hutchinson. For example, the brain's outermost layer, or cerebral cortex, is constantly categorising, evaluating, and responding to the world. That's how we form two types of attitudes to almost everything: explicit attitudes that we are aware of, and implicit ones, our back seat drivers. And the two attitudes can be contrary. "It's possible to have a positive explicit attitude toward your romantic partner but a very negative implicit attitude toward her or him, and in fact many people do."

We don't realise that our minds start forming categories of potential partners – attractive or unattractive, relationship material, good for a fling, etc – from an early age. These categories are unconsciously "stamped" onto our brains, and marriage doesn't erase them. And that can be a problem. "After a person gets married, their unconscious mind may not cease to automatically activate their 'good for a fling' category when they meet an attractive stranger." When Woods, say, walked into a bar, he wasn't consciously hunting, but parts of his brain would do what they'd been trained to do.

Apart from attitudes, the mind's desired outcomes or "goals" play a role. These goals, Hutchinson says, are "selfish". They pursue their own satisfaction, regardless of the impact on our lives. A goal, once activated, will "influence our attention, perceptions, thoughts, and behaviours, all toward the end of bringing about its fulfilment". By the time the conscious self notices, it may be too late.

Research has shown that situations and circumstances shape human behaviour far more than character. For example, at a corporate party to celebrate an achievement, attitudes of dominance and victory can crowd out love for a spouse. "The situations that we encounter interact with our personal characteristics – personality traits, to be sure, but also genes, hormones and other factors," Hutchinson says. And if you've been consciously suppressing some emotional needs for a long time, they can assert themselves in such an "opportunity". Hutchinson isn't defending infidelity, but suggesting that spouses who cheat may not be the devious, scheming people we imagine them to be. Many genuinely love their spouse, and feel remorse, but can be helpless before their mind's invisible processes.

'Reawakening Bengal from civilisational slumber'

Defence minister & senior BJP leader argues his party's mission is to restore the greatness of true Bengali heritage

Rajnath Singh

"*Hey nuton, dekha dik aar baar, jonmero prothomo shubhokshon*" – O new one, show yourself once more, in the auspicious first moment of birth.

Rabindranath Tagore wrote these words as an invocation – a prayer to the perpetually renewing spirit of Bengal. It's traditionally sung on his birth anniversary, honouring him and the joy of a renewal, an awakening that a birthday signifies. Tagore understood that this land does not simply change. It is continually reborn.

It's a happy coincidence that less than a week before the 165th birth anniversary of Tagore, Bengal has witnessed a historic change. On May 4, BJP secured a historic victory in Bengal assembly elections. Yet, for BJP and PM Modi, this election was never merely a political contest. It was an opportunity to restore the lost glory of this great land, a civilisational calling that transcends electoral considerations.

Today, it's worth pausing, setting aside the noise of political argument to ask a deeper question: What is Bengal, truly? And what does it mean to restore her? To understand Bengal's present, one must first descend into her past – not the past of decades, but of centuries.

Long before Bengal became a byword for intellectual refinement, she was a holy land. In the 15th century, on the banks of the Ganga in Nabadwip, a young man named Nimai – whom the world would come to know as Chaitanya Mahaprabhu – began to sing. His kirtan was not merely music. It was a social reform movement dressed in devotion. He embraced the untouchable, danced with the scholar, and declared that the name of the divine was available to all without the burden of any ascriptive identities. The Vaishnavism he ignited became the spiritual architecture of Bengal and Bharat's soul: joyous and inclusive.

Two centuries later, that same spirit found its worldly complement in the Baul tradition – wandering mystics who wore no caste, carried no scripture, and sang of "*moner manush*", the man of the heart. Among them, none shone brighter than Lalon Fakir, a man whom no religion could claim and every tradition embraced. A Hindu or a Muslim? No one could tell, and need not have bothered. This syncretic genius was Bengali, an identity that can only be lived.

In the previous three centuries, Bengal did not merely participate in India's moral awakening – she anchored it. Raja Rammohan Roy looked at a society that had grown rigid and corrupt in its customs, and chose neither to abandon tradition nor to surrender to it blindly. He reformed it – fighting for sati abolition and insisting on looking within to resurrect oneself. Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar carried that torch further, turning education into an act of liberation, especially for women.

Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay gave the nation its first great novel, which included Vande Mataram, the war cry that would echo from the lips of freedom fighters for a century, and continues on every Indian's lips today. Bengal also gave India its first woman physician, Kadambini Ganguly, who inspired women towards self-reliance and freedom. Syama Prasad Mukherjee, a staunch nationalist, sacrificed his life for the unity of India.

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Perhaps among all the extraordinary minds and great souls that Bengal has given birth to, Swami Vivekananda stands as the most radiant, enlightened, and electrifying mind. Swami Vivekananda, in his historic speech at the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions, introduced to the world the greatness of Hinduism, and called for religious tolerance and an end to fanaticism. But when he returned home, he told his own people something harder to hear – that spirituality without strength is sentimentality, that a hungry man cannot be taught philosophy, that the goddess must be worshipped not only in the temple but in the woman, in the poor, in the nation itself.

This is what Bengal is. This is what she has always been. And this is how PM Modi sees Bengal. Not looking back to become something she was; certainly not becoming any other alien land, but looking forward to reawakening Bengal from its civilisational slumber, and achieving her fullest potential.

For too long, some sections of Bengal's intellectual and political class treated their own civilisational inheritance as an embarrassment – something to be transcended, explained away, or replaced with colonial ideologies. The result was decades of arrested development, institutional decay, and the silencing of those who dared to speak of dharma, of culture that did not contradict but completed Bengal's pluralist soul.

Bengal's election result shouldn't be seen merely as an electoral verdict. It represents a public mandate against those who distanced Bengal from its very roots and values. For PM Modi, this election was never a battle for power. It was a sacred endeavour – a 'yajna' to restore the lost glory.

PM Modi's deep affinity with Belur Math, his reverence for Swami Vivekananda, his framing of good governance as *seva* – service as a form of worship – these are not political statements. They provide Bengal with the impetus to recover her past glory and move ahead into a glorious and secure future. They are an example of a 'Pradhan Sevak' performing his 'Pradhan Dharma'.

To restore Bengal is to build world-class infra alongside the ghats where Chaitanya Mahaprabhu sang. It is to fund the schools that Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar dreamt of. It is to build universities of eminence in the land which led India in education for centuries. It is to provide dignity to all tribal brothers and sisters of Bengal. It is to respond to the aspirations of the people of hilly areas, who have long suffered stepmotherly treatment at the hands of governing parties of Bengal.

Hey nutan. O new one – reveal yourself once more. This is the prayer with which the first BJP govt in Bengal, under the guidance of PM Modi and the blessings of each of Bengal's sons and daughters, will perform its '*seva*' from now onwards. For a while, in the last half-century, it looked as if Bengal's best days were past it. Today, she has been reborn, with the promise of a vibrant new life of prosperity and peace.

Balcony Of Boundaries: Adjusting, Not Disappearing

That little place that looks out is a blessing. It doesn't make family storms go away. It isn't an exit. It's about finding one's emotional equilibrium. This can be the most loving thing to do in a crowded household

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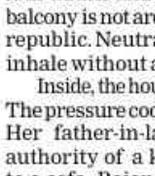

The first thing Maya does every morning is open the balcony door. Not for the view. There isn't much of one – two buildings staring at each other like tired relatives at a wedding. Not for the breeze either. Mumbai's air is never quite sure whether it wants to be a breeze or a complaint.

Maya opens it because, in a one-bedroom flat where four adults and one teenager share the same walls, the balcony is not architecture. It is oxygen. A small sovereign republic. Neutral territory. A place where she can inhale without asking permission.

Inside, the house wakes up in familiar instalments. The pressure cooker whistles. The teenager scrolls. Her father-in-law clears his throat, with the authority of a king whose kingdom has shrunk to a sofa. Rajan, her husband, becomes silent in the way some people become religious – not out of devotion, but out of habit and fear.

Then, almost reliably, a remark arrives. "You have made the sambar too watery," her father-in-law says, tasting breakfast like it is a referendum. "You never like anything," Maya replies, not loud, but sharp enough for the morning to change temperature.

"Why are you starting again?" Rajan says, which is not a question but a verdict. This is not necessarily a dysfunctional family. It is often just an Indian family – loving deeply, arguing daily, and carrying its history like old furniture: heavy, inherited, and rarely moved.

They adjust to each other. Not as a swallowing, but as boundaries. Boundaries not as walls, but as oxygen lines. They don't reduce love, only resentment.

● The first boundary is space. Maya's family cannot create extra rooms. So they create small agreements. Maya gets twenty minutes on the balcony after breakfast – no questions, no instructions, no commentary. Rajan goes for a short evening walk with his earphones, his version of prayer. Their teenage son gets one hour in which no one asks about marks, mood, mobile, or future. Her father-in-law gets his newspaper time without being corrected on politics, health, or cricket. These are not grand solutions. They are buffers. And buffers prevent irritation from becoming battle.

● The second boundary is tone. One morning, when her father-in-law snaps at Maya over something trivial – salt, perhaps, or the way she folded a towel – she doesn't lose her equilibrium. Instead, she says, calmly, "I will talk to you, but not when I am being spoken to like this." No speech. No historical audit. No dramatic declaration that nobody respects her in this house. Just a line. Soft, clear, repeatable.

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Her father-in-law grumbles. Rajan looks uncomfortable. The teenager pretends to be invisible. Maya walks to the balcony. This is the most important part. A boundary is not only what you say. It is what you do next. Sometimes, walking away is self-respect.

● The third boundary is time. Many families keep having the same difficult conversation in the worst possible setting – late at night, hungry, exhausted, in front of children, or in the kitchen where ordinary objects begin to acquire dangerous symbolic value.

Maya and Rajan make a rule that first feels childish, then sacred: no serious conversation after 10 pm. Not because problems vanish after ten, but because fatigue is a cruel advisor. Sleeping over a quarrel is not always avoidance. Sometimes, it is emotional hygiene.

● The fourth boundary is repair. One morning, after a small argument, Rajan pauses and says something he has rarely said in his marriage: "Can we start again?" It is a small sentence with a large effect. Repair is not a grand apology, not always. It can be a glass of water. A simple, "I didn't mean it that way."

● The fifth boundary is loyalty. A sacred word, with two faces. At its best, loyalty says: "I will not abandon you in difficulty." At its worst, loyalty becomes: "I will abandon myself so you can remain unchanged." In Indian families, loyalty often gets entangled with guilt. But mature loyalty has boundaries. You can love a parent and still say, "You cannot insult me." You can love a spouse and still say, "This behaviour is not acceptable."

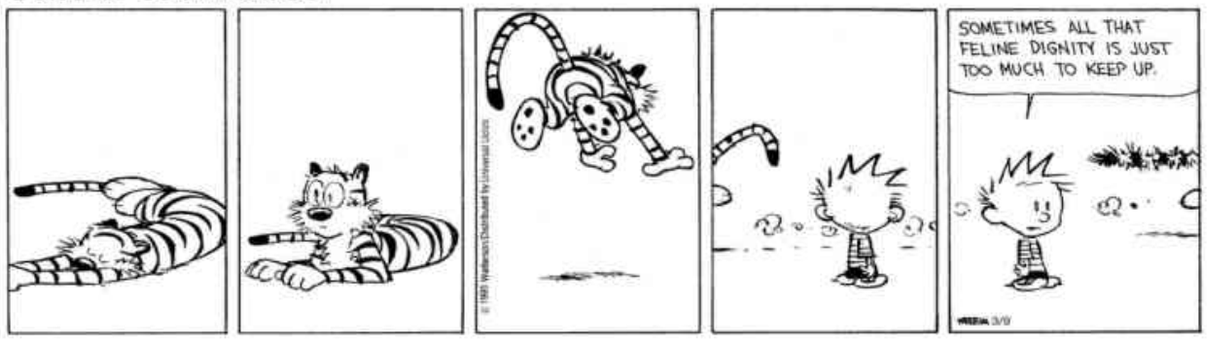
When, after her father-in-law says something cutting, Maya simply says, "I am not available for this conversation," and steps out onto the balcony, she looks at the two buildings facing each other. No view. No romance. Just concrete, grills, drying clothes, and the ordinary evidence of crowded lives. But for the first time in many days, she feels something close to control over her inner weather.

This is emotional equilibrium – not the absence of storms, but the ability to stop being swept away. Equilibrium does not promise that the other person will become kinder. It promises that you will not become smaller. When exit is impossible, we stop asking only, "How do I change them?" We begin asking, "How do I design my response so I remain whole?"

Of Life And Love
STORIES OF THE WAY WE ARE

Sometimes, the most loving thing one can do in a crowded home is not to hold everyone together with endless patience, but to hold one's own boundaries with quiet courage. That is not coldness. That is the balcony door opening. And in families like Maya's, that small opening is often how the whole house learns to breathe.

Calvin & Hobbes



Sacred*space*

Patriotism cannot be our final spiritual shelter; my refuge is humanity. I will not buy glass for the price of diamonds, and i will never allow patriotism to triumph over humanity as long as i live.

Rabindranath Tagore

On Mother's Day, Be Grateful To Your Guru And God

Sant Rajinder Singh

The second Sunday in May each year marks Mother's Day – a day to recognise, celebrate, thank, and honour our mothers and all mother-like figures in our lives. There is a deep connection between the love, help, and guidance we receive from our mothers and gifts we receive from our spiritual master and God, our eternal Parent. The deeper meaning of Mother's Day is to not only honour our mothers for giving us life, but also to honour our true Parent, the Divine, who gave us life at all levels: physically, intellectually, and spiritually.

Our soul, which gravitated away from the Supreme aeons ago, has been trapped in the wheel of transmigration, cycling through God's Creation and yearning to go back to the Source. It is through the grace of God that we are given a human birth so our souls can find their way back to Him. Throughout our early years, it is our mothers who help create a strong foundation for our lives; they teach us the art of loving humanity and the power of love to transform our lives. Through their actions, they teach us to coexist peacefully with everyone and to serve God's creation selflessly. The love we receive in our early years leaves a deep impression on us, and we remember these moments of our childhood no matter how old we become.

On Mother's Day, we should also remember, recognise, and be grateful to our spiritual master and God. We can draw a comparison between a mother's love for her child, a spiritual master's love for a disciple, and God's love for the soul. Just as a mother gives her child gains in the physical world, a spiritual master helps the disciple attain gains in spiritual worlds. They, too, shower us with affection and sweetness, and impart the wisdom of inner worlds so that we may embark on the journey to our true Home. Likewise, God imparts wisdom and protection to our souls, ensuring we do not become entangled in activities of the outer world.

THE SPEAKING TREE

Spiritual masters help us awaken to the oneness of all God's creation, exhorting us to live under the principle of love and to serve each other selflessly. When we do so, we find that life becomes harmonious, calm, and peaceful. As we take steps in accordance with their teachings and put in time to meditate daily, we make steady progress on the journey back to God.

As they reach their teenage years, children gravitate away from home and their parents in search of independence. Yet, after a while in the outside world, they come to recognise the love that surrounded them at home, and they yearn to return to their parents. It is no different with our souls, which gravitate away from God. This human birth is the soul's opportunity to return to its eternal Parent, and we must do all we can to make good use of the time we have by following the blueprint given to us by the saints and spiritual masters.

BENGALURU WEST CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Commissioner, BWCC, 16th Cross, IPP Building, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003

No.: BWCC/Comm/PSR(G)/264/2026-27 **Date: 08.05.2026**

FORM-I
NOTIFICATION {Under Sec 14B(4)(i)}

In exercise of powers conferred under section 14-B (4) of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act 1961 the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by The DIRECTOR TECHNICAL, BENGALURU SMART INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED (B-SMILE) for **Protection, improvement of Rajakaluve / Buffer zone including formation of Service Road from Nayandahalli Circle to V-Legacy Road** It is hereby informed to the land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose, to appear and submit their claims along with the copies of the relevant documents viz, (i) Sale /Partition / other deeds of title, (ii) Up-to-date RTC's (iii) Mutation Copy (iv) Tax paid receipts (V) conversion order of Non agriculture purpose (vi) Revenue sketch (vii) Akar band etc., in person in the place within thirty days from the date of publication of this notification as indicated in the address below and state their respective interest in such land.

The place where land owners / interested persons have to appear and submit their claims	Name and address of the Divisional / Sub divisional / branch offices	Date and Time
The Deputy Commissioner (LAQ & TDR) Bengaluru west city corporation, # 72/4, 16th Cross road, Vyalikaval Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003.	Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-Smile), Room No. 30/1, 3rd Floor, Thimmaiah Road, Millers Tank Bund, Vasantha nagara, Bengaluru – 560051.	30 days from the date of Notification. Time : 10.00 A.M to 5.00 P.M.

The land owners / interested parties of the scheduled properties whose lands are to be acquired shall give the consent for Grant of Development Rights to the Commissioner, Bengaluru West City Corportion.

The land owners shall receive twice the area of land surrendered in lieu of monetary compensation as DR (Notional land) and two time the building area surrendered as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered divided by the Market value of the land on which the building is constructed. The Notional land can be utilized by factorizing with the market value at the originating plot and receiving plot. The Notional land is eligible for FAR and can be used as additional built up area at the receiving plot as per the terms and conditions prescribed in the Benefit of Development Rights Rules, 2016.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Rights Certificates (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Special Land Acquisition Officer, O/o the Deputy Commissioner (LAQ & TDR), BWCC within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

SCHEDULE

"Acquisition of land required for **Protection, improvement of Rajakaluve / Buffer zone including formation of Service Road from Nayandalli Circle to V-Legacy Road.**

This Notification is based on revenue survey numbers of proposed road, at the time of Form-3 stage, individual files will be created to verify ownership documents against the Khata of each subdivided plot carved out of each notified survey numbers and Relinquishment deeds will be processed for eligible owners, as per TDR Rules. However, if any land or building has already been issued a Development Rights Certificate (DRC), it is not eligible for this notification.

Sl No	Sy No/ Khatha No	Type of Land		Nature of Land			Dimension of the land / plot and extent in sq.m		Boundaries of the land /plot				Building Details			Present activity on Land/ Building (Specify Specific activity such as shop, office, factory, apartment individual house etc.,	Market (guidelines) value of the land per Sqm			Name and address of the owner of the plot/land for which DRC is to be issued / already issued.
		Vacant	Built up	Agriculture	Converted Undeveloped	Approved layout / developed land Building Site	Dimension	Extent	North	East	South	West	Extent in Sqm	Type of Construction and No. of Floors	Floor area Ratio		Agriculture/ B-Khatha	Converted	Undeveloped A Khatha, Developed Site	
Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban** Name of the Taluk: **Bengaluru South** Name of the Village: **Hosakerehalli**																				
1	73	Vacant Land, Building		Private Land			166.64		Remaining Portion of Sy No.73	Road	Road	Road	109.81	Sheet, RCC						A.L.Muniyappa,Lakshmamma W/o Late Muniyappa, KIADB, Nandhi Economic Corridor Enterprises Limited
2	73	Vacant Land, Building		Private Land			294.81		Road	Road	Remaining Portion of Sy No.73	Sy No.75	189.57	Sheet, RCC, G+1						A.L.Muniyappa,Lakshmamma W/o Late Muniyappa, KIADB, Nandhi Economic Corridor Enterprises Limited
3	73	Vacant Land, Building		Private Land			161.79		Remaining Portion of Sy No.73	Road	Road	Road	150.43	Sheet, RCC						A.L.Muniyappa,Lakshmamma W/o Late Muniyappa, KIADB, Nandhi Economic Corridor Enterprises Limited
4	73	Building		Private Land			32.11		Remaining Portion of Sy No.73	Road	Road	Sy No.75	23.57	RCC						A.L.Muniyappa, Lakshmamma W/o Late Muniyappa, KIADB, Nandhi Economic Corridor Enterprises Limited
5	75/1	Vacant Land, Building		Private Land			132.25		Sy No.73	Remaining Portion of Sy No.75	Remaining Portion of Sy No.75	Road	95.52	Sheet, RCC						BDA, M.K.Tejavathi W/o H.Lankappa, H.Hanumappa S/o Late Hanumappa, Nandhi Economic Corridor Enterprises Limited,
6	75/1	Vacant Land, Building		Private Land			68.90		Sy No.73	Road	Road	Remaining Portion of Sy No.75	53.17	RCC						BDA, M.K.Tejavathi W/o H.Lankappa, H.Hanumappa S/o Late Hanumappa, Nandhi Economic Corridor Enterprises Limited,
7	75/1	Vacant Land, Building		Private Land			180.93		Remaining Portion of Sy No.75/1	Road	Road	Sy No.71/3	-	-						BDA, M.K.Tejavathi W/o H.Lankappa, H.Hanumappa S/o Late Hanumappa, Nandhi Economic Corridor Enterprises Limited,
8	71/3	Vacant Land		Private Land			1351.98		Sy No.75	Road	Remaining Portion of Sy No.71/3	Remaining Portion of Sy No.71/3	-	-						Nandhi Economic Corridor Enterprises Limited, Peoples Education Society, Dr. Suresh, Dr. Roopa Suresh
9	75/2	Vacant Land, Building		Private Land			96.63		Remaining Portion of Sy No.75	Road	Sy No.77	Remaining Portion of Sy No.75	31.38	Sheet						BDA, M.K.Tejavathi W/o H.Lankappa, H.Hanumappa S/o Late Hanumappa, Nandhi Economic Corridor Enterprises Limited, KIADB, A.C.Nanjundasawmy S/o Chikkahanumaiah
10	75/2	Vacant Land		Private Land			35.87		Remaining Portion of Sy No.75	Remaining Portion of Sy No.75	Sy No.77	Road	-	-						BDA, M.K.Tejavathi W/o H.Lankappa, H.Hanumappa S/o Late Hanumappa, Nandhi Economic Corridor Enterprises Limited, KIADB, A.C.Nanjundasawmy S/o Chikkahanumaiah
11	77	Vacant Land		Private Land			766.85		Sy No.75	Road	Sy No.78	Remaining Portion of Sy No.77	-	-						V.C.Rajeshwari W/o V.Chittibabu, D.Jawahar S/o M.R.Doraisawmy, Peoples Education Society, Vijay Dsouza S/o A.B.Dsouza, Dhilip Dsouza S/o A.B.Dsouza, Arun Dsouza S/o A.B.Dsouza, Sanjay Dsouza S/o A.B.Dsouza, KIADB, Nandhi Economic Corridor Enterprises Limited
12	78	Vacant Land		Private Land			1147.19		Sy No.77	Road	Remaining Portion of Sy No.78	Remaining Portion of Sy No.78	-	-						Peoples Education Society, Nandhi Economic Corridor Enterprises Limited, N.Channaswamy Naidu, N.Doraiswamy S/o Channaswamy Naidu, K.M.Shankar S/o Late K.Murugesh
13	33	Vacant Land, Building		Private Land			9755.62		Remaining Portion of Sy No.33	BMICAPA (Nice Road)	Remaining Portion of Sy No.33	Sy No.124	1020.46	Shed, Sheet, RCC, G+1, G+2						C.Hanumanthappa S/o Chinnappa, C.Manjunatha S/o Chinnappa, Marappa, M.Srinivas S/o Marappa, M.Siddappa S/o Marappa, M.Venkataswamy S/o Marappa, M.Srirama S/o Marappa, M.Ramakrishna S/o Marappa, N.Sunandha W/o Late Chikkathayappa, KIADB, Y.R.Jayashree W/o Late G.V.Appaji, Tejaswini Appaji D/o Late G.V.Appaji, G.V.Lasya D/o Late G.V.Appaji, G.V.Ajay S/o Late G.V.Appaji
14	33	Vacant Land, Building		Private Land			146.76		Road	BMICAPA (Nice Road)	Remaining Portion of Sy No.33	Road	-	-						C.Hanumanthappa S/o Chinnappa, C.Manjunatha S/o Chinnappa, Marappa, M.Srinivas S/o Marappa, M.Siddappa S/o Marappa, M.Venkataswamy S/o Marappa, M.Srirama S/o Marappa, M.Ramakrishna S/o Marappa, N.Sunandha W/o Late Chikkathayappa, KIADB, Y.R.Jayashree W/o Late G.V.Appaji, Tejaswini Appaji D/o Late G.V.Appaji, G.V.Lasya D/o Late G.V.Appaji, G.V.Ajay S/o Late G.V.Appaji
15	52	Vacant Land, Building		Private Land			77.19		Sy No.124	Sy No.33	Remaining Portion of Sy No.52	Sy No.142/1	-	-						C.Harish S/o M.Chalayya, Krishnappa S/o Bhairappa, G.Basappa S/o Giriyappa, Santhosh B Chattaki S/o Basappa, M.Srirama S/o Marappa, Paparaju S/o Venkatanarasaiah, Nirmala Jhon Kuruvila W/o Jhon Kuruvila, Gowtham.S S/o J.K.S.Kumar, C.Manjunatha S/o Chinnappa, Venkataraj Bhat behalf of Bhima Chartible Trust, B.Ramaiah S/o C.Balayya, Shanthamma W/o Shivanna Gowda, Shivasidhegowda.N.H S/o Honnegowda, Ramesh Thibannahalli Nijagunaiah S/o Nijagunaiah, Veerabhadraiah S/o Mallayya
16	124	Vacant Land, Building		Private Land			1910.45		Sy No.49/2	Sy No.33	Sy No.142/1, 142/2 & 142/3	Sy No.50/2	111.92	RCC, G+2						C.Manjunatha S/o Chinnappa, M.Venkataswamy S/o Marappa, M.Srirama S/o Marappa, M.Ramakrishna S/o Marappa, N.Sunandha W/o Late Chikkathayappa, K.Asha W/o S.G.Krishna, C.Baiyamma W/o M.Ramakrishna, Sadashiva Reddy S/o B.P.Narayan Reddy, Mohan R Shetty, Muthappa Shetty S/o Ramana Shetty, N.Deepa W/o Premanath Reddy, Baiyamma W/o Late C.Hanumanthappa, Gowramma-Munishyamappa, Venkatamma-Krishnappa, Lakshmidevamma- Prasad, Shanthamma-Nagaraju
17	142/1	Vacant Land, Building		Private Land			193.36		Sy No.124	Sy No.52	Remaining Portion of Sy No.142/1	Sy No.142/2	-	-						E.Chikkanna S/o Erayya
18	142/2	Vacant Land		Private Land			374.67		Sy No.124	Sy No.142/1	Remaining Portion of Sy No.142/2	Sy No.142/3	-	-						E.Chikkanna S/o Erayya
19	142/3	Vacant Land		Private Land			1254.84		Sy No.124	Sy No.142/2	Remaining Portion of Sy No.142/3	Sy No.138/1	-	-						Sidhappa S/o Late Kadhirappa, Muniyappa S/o Sidhappa
20	138/1	Vacant Land, Building		Private Land			1418.87		Sy No.50/2	Sy No.142/3	Sy No.138/1	Sy No.138/2	22.56	Sheet						Yashodhamma D/o Chikkaputte Gowda, Siddappa S/o Late Kadarappa, Akkayamma D/o Late Kadarappa, Nijagalappa S/o Late Kadarappa
21	50/2	Vacant Land, Building		Private Land			12.79		Remaining Portion of Sy No.50/2	Sy No.124	Sy No.138/1	Sy No.138/1	42.58	Sheet						M.Venkatalakshmamma W/o B.Narayanappa, C.Manjunatha S/o Chinnappa, M.Siddappa S/o Late Marappa, M.Venkataswamy S/o Late Marappa, M.Srirama S/o Late Marappa, M.Ramakrishna S/o Late Marappa, M.Sunandha D/o Late Marappa, M.Venkatalakshmamma D/o Late Marappa, M.Chinamma D/o Late Marappa, M.Srinivas S/o Late Marappa, N.Sunandha W/o Chikkathayappa
22	138/2	Vacant Land		Private Land			1424.72		Remaining Portion of Sy No.138/2	Sy No.138/1	Remaining Portion of Sy No.138/2	Sy No.52	16.43	Sheet						M/S. National Education Foundation
23	52	Vacant Land		Private Land			1214.51		Remaining Portion of Sy No.52	Sy No.138/2	Remaining Portion of Sy No.52	Sy No.129/6	-	-						C.Harish S/o M.Chalayya, Krishnappa S/o Bhairappa, G.Basappa S/o Giriyappa, Santhosh B Chattaki S/o Basappa, M.Srirama S/o Marappa, Paparaju S/o Venkatanarasaiah, Nirmala Jhon Kuruvila W/o Jhon Kuruvila, Gowtham.S S/o J.K.S.Kumar, C.Manjunatha S/o Chinnappa, Venkataraj Bhat behalf of Bhima Chartible Trust, B.Ramaiah S/o C.Balayya, Shanthamma W/o Shivanna Gowda, Shivasidhegowda.N.H S/o Honnegowda, Ramesh Thibannahalli Nijagunaiah S/o Nijagunaiah, Veerabhadraiah S/o Mallayya
24	129/6	Vacant Land		Private Land			1079.51		Remaining Portion of Sy No.129/6	Sy No.52	Remaining Portion of Sy No.129/6	Sy No.129/5	9.34	RCC						Vandhana Raghunath W/o D.Raghunath
25	129/5	Vacant Land		Private Land			1053.94		Remaining Portion of Sy No.129/5	Sy No.129/6	Remaining Portion of Sy No.129/5	Sy No.52	-	-						Rekha Rao W/o Narasimha Rao
26	174	Vacant Land		Private Land			1172.38		Remaining Portion of Sy No.74	Sy No.129/5	Remaining Portion of Sy No.174	Road	-	Sheet, G+1						B Ramachandran S/o A V Balakrishana
27	49/2	Vacant Land, Building		Private Land			523.66		Sy No.49/1	Remaining Portion of Sy No.49/2	Sy No.124	Remaining Portion of Sy No.49/2	11.94	RCC						Baiyamma W/O Hanumathappa
28	49/1	Vacant Land		Private Land			536.30		Sy No.48/7	Sy No.49/1	Sy No.49/2	Sy No.49/1	10.31	RCC						Akash Kempegowda S/O K. Shivakumar
29	48/7	Vacant Land		Private Land			704.63		Sy No.47	Remaining Portion of Sy No.48/7	Sy No.49/1	Sy No.48/6	-	-						Gowramma W/O Kempegowda
30	48/6	Vacant Land, Building		Private Land			396.70		Sy No.47	Sy No.48/7	Sy No.49/1	Remaining Portion of Sy No.48/6	-	-						Gowramma W/O D.K Kempegowda

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THE ART OF LAYERED BRIDAL EXPRESSION

Stacked and styled: Bridal anklets find their new rhythm

Make statement earrings the hero

Bag the heavy ear jewels and let a statement earring take the lead. A statement with shoulder-grazing length, an interesting shape and the right makeup could be a head-turning look

LET FACE SHAPE, OUTFIT & HAIR GUIDE YOUR EARRINGS CHOICE

Bridal ritual to fashion statement

Alta is having its moment in the spotlight

TODAY'S FACE-OFF
RR vs GT
TV TIME 7:30 PM
STAR SPORTS / JIOHOTSTAR

PLAYED 9

Won by RR 3 (33.33%) | Won by GT 6 (66.64%)

LAST FIVE MATCHES
RR L W L W L
GT W W W L L

VENUE: JAIPUR

ODDS
RR 7/10 | GT 5/4

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"WE'RE NOT PLAYING THIS SEASON AS 'DEFENDING' CHAMPIONS. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME CHAMPIONS ONCE MORE. WE'RE NOT IN A MINDSET WHERE WE HAVE TO DEFEND SOMETHING. WE HAVE TO PLAY AN ATTACKING GAME."
—Rajat Patidar | RCB captain

FINNTASTIC!

Allen's Ton Fashions 4th Straight Win For KKR, Leaves DC On Brink Of Elimination

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Jatin Kumar

1 **Finn Allen** is the first KKR batter to score a hundred in a successful chase.

New Delhi: Kolkata Knight Riders were desperate to see Finn Allen fire, and fire he did at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Friday night. On a surface that appeared tricky when Delhi Capitals batted, Allen produced an exhibition of clean, fearless strokeplay to smash an unbeaten century and steer Kolkata Knight Riders to an eight-wicket win that kept them firmly in contention for a playoff spot. Knight Riders' fourth win in succession not only helped them leapfrog the hosts in the IPL standings, but also left Capitals staring at the exit door.

On a pitch where the ball gripped and scoring looked difficult, Kolkata Knight Riders' bowlers had earlier applied the slow choke on Capitals' batters to restrict the hosts to 142/8 after opting to bowl. The same strip where Punjab Kings had chased down 265 a couple of weeks ago seemed to have changed character when Capitals batted. However, it had little effect on Allen. The Knight Riders opener exploded from start to finish, hitting 10 sixes and five fours in his unbeaten 100 off 47 balls. The Kiwi was severe on the spinners but a ramped six off Mitchell Starc was the highlight of the night.

Allen was involved in an unbroken 116-run stand for the third wicket with Cameron Green, who made 33 not out off 27 balls, as Knight Riders overhauled the modest target in just 14.2 overs. The chase had briefly wobbled when Ajinkya Rahane was run out for 13 and Angkrish Raghuvanshi was bowled by Axar Patel for one, leaving KKR at 31/2 in the fourth over. But Allen ensured there was no room for Delhi to build pressure. He reached his fifty off 32 balls and then shifted gears dramatically. Once he found his range, Capitals' bowlers had nowhere to hide. Kuldeep Yadav and Vipraj Nigam came in for heavy punishment, while Starc too was taken apart as Allen turned a potentially awkward chase into a statement win.

Green played the ideal support act, holding one end up and allowing Allen to dictate the tempo. By the time Allen brought up his hundred, the result had long become a formality. Earlier, the Knight Riders bowlers did not have to do anything spectacular. They kept a tight line, varied their pace smartly and kept tightening the noose around Capitals' batting lineup. Had it not been for a late cameo from Ashutosh Sharma, who made 39 off 28 balls, the hosts may not even have crossed 140.

The Capitals openers, Pathum Nissanka and KL Rahul, appeared mindful of the collapses that have hurt them in recent games and did not go all out in the Powerplay. Nissanka was the more fluent of the two, playing some delightful shots. Rahul was the first to depart. He fell in Kartik Tyagi's first over for 23 off 14 balls. Nitish Rana came and went quickly, falling for eight to Green's slower delivery. Sameer Rizvi then appeared all at sea against the spin and guile of Varun Chakravarthy. He could barely get bat on ball against the mystery spinner and was beaten repeatedly.

47 Balls taken by Allen to race to his hundred, the quickest by a KKR batter in the IPL, bettering the 49-ball centuries by Venkatesh Iyer vs MI on April 16, 2023 & Sunil Narine vs RR on April 16, 2024.

6.28 Axar Patel's batting average while scoring 44 runs off 59 balls at a strike rate of 74.57 in 8 innings, the second-lowest average by a captain in an IPL season behind Shane Warne's 2 while making 10 in 7 innings for RR in 2010.

HOW THEY STAND

TEAM	M	W	L	NR	NRR	P
SRH	11	7	4	0	0.737	14
PBKS	10	6	3	1	0.571	13
RCB	10	6	4	0	1.234	12
RR	10	6	4	0	0.510	12
GT	10	6	4	0	-0.147	12
CSK	10	5	5	0	0.151	10
KKR	10	4	5	1	-0.169	9
DC	11	4	7	0	-1.154	8
MI	10	3	7	0	-0.649	6
LSG	10	3	7	0	-0.934	6

SCOREBOARD

DC: P Nissanka st Raghuvanshi b Roy 50, KL Rahul c Green b Tyagi 23, N Rana c Narine b Green 8, S Rizvi c Powell b Narine 3, T Stubbs b Roy 2, A Patel c Roy b Arora 11, A Sharma c Rahane b Tyagi 39, V Nigam not out 3, M Starc run out 0, L Ngidi not out 1; **Extras: (w 2) 2; Total: (8 wkts) 142; FoW:** 1-49, 2-74, 3-80, 4-85, 5-89, 6-128, 7-140, 8-140; **Bowling:** Roy 4-0-31-2, Arora 3-0-29-1, Narine 4-0-17-1, Tyagi 4-0-25-2, Chakaravarthy 4-0-28-0, Green 1-0-12-1.

KKR: A Rahane run out Starc 13, F Allen not out 100, A Raghuvanshi b Axar 1, C Green not out 33; **Extras: 0; Total: (2 wkts, 14.2 ovrs) 147; FoW:** 1-29, 2-31; Bowling: Starc 3-0-31-0, Axar 4-0-27-1, Ngidi 2-0-7-0, Nigam 2-0-34-0, Kuldeep 3-0-41-0, Mukesh 0.2-0-7-0.

Result: **KKR won by 8 wkts**

50 Nissanka has scored his second fifty in the IPL.

Wobbly Royals face upbeat Titans in mid-table clash

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Jaipur: Rajasthan Royals have found the late-innings muscle they were searching for but the discovery has come with a warning — in this IPL, even 225 is no guarantee unless the rest of the game is managed with precision. As the tournament moves towards its business end, the Riyan Parag-led side face Gujarat Titans at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium on Saturday in a contest with direct playoff implications. Both teams are on 12 points from 10 matches, with Royals fourth and Titans fifth on net run rate.

For Royals, the clearest positive in recent games has been the emergence of Donovan Ferreira as a reliable finisher. The South African's unbeaten 47 off 14 balls against Delhi Capitals lifted Rajasthan to 225/6 after they had slipped to 12/2.

A few nights earlier, he had produced a match-winning 52 not out off 26 balls against Punjab Kings, where Shubham Dubey's unbeaten 31 off 12 gave the chase of 223 its decisive thrust.

That partnership in New Chandigarh was a reminder that Rajasthan's batting no longer has to lean only on its top order. Ferreira and Dubey have given the side a lower-order gear that can turn difficult equations into manageable finishes. Yet, the problem for Royals has shifted. They are making enough runs; they are not always turning them into wins.

Twice in Jaipur in the space of a week, Rajasthan crossed 225 and still lost. Sunrisers Hyderabad chased down 229 with nine balls to spare after Royals posted 228/6, and Delhi Capitals followed by overhauling 226 with five balls left. On surfaces where 200 has increasingly become a starting point rather than a match-winning total, Rajasthan have lacked control in the key phases after setting up games well.

The batting, too, has had moments where momentum has not been fully maximised. Dhruv Jurel's 51 off 35 balls against SRH came in a 112-run stand with Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, but Royals slowed after a blistering start and finished below what had once looked possible. Against Delhi, Jurel's 42 off 30 helped repair early damage, but the innings needed Ferreira's extraordinary late assault to reach 225.

WEATHER
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1 Vaibhav Sooryavanshi remains the only batter to have scored in excess of 500 runs at a strike rate of 200+ in the IPL. He has so far scored 656 runs (ave 38.6) in 17 innings at a strike rate of 224.6.

4/41 Ravi Bishnoi's only four-wicket haul in the IPL was for RR vs GT in Ahmedabad on Apr 4, 2026. He is the only bowler to bag a four-for in matches involving GT and RR.

Stats: Rajesh Kumar

Bahutule set to join Team India as spin-bowling coach

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Mumbai: Former India and Mumbai leg-spinner **Sairaj Bahutule** is set to join the Indian men's team as spin-bowling coach, TOI has learnt.

Bahutule is currently the spin-bowling coach of Punjab Kings and will part ways with the franchise after the ongoing IPL-2026 season.

"Bahutule is set to join Team India as spin-bowling coach for the next two years. There was a need for an experienced spin-bowling coach to guide India's spinners, and consequently, Team India head coach Gautam Gambhir and the BCCI's top officials approached Bahutule," a BCCI source confirmed to TOI on Friday.

Bahutule's tenure is expected to begin with the home series against the Afghanistan national cricket team in June.

The 53-year-old played two Tests and eight ODIs for India between 1997 and 2003, taking five wickets. A prolific domestic allrounder, Bahutule featured in 188 first-class matches, claiming 630 wickets at 26.00 while scoring 6,176 runs at 31.83.

The current Team India support staff includes batting coach Sitanshu Kotak, fast-bowling coach Morne Morkel, fielding coach T Dilip and assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate, with Bahutule now set to fill the spin-bowling role.

Over the years, Bahutule has worked extensively with the Indian team and domestic teams in various coaching roles, including as bowling coach and spin consultant during nearly 10 tours and series under former head coaches Rahul Dravid and VVS Laxman.

Bahutule could not be reached for comment.

BCCI reveals why IPL final went to Ahmedabad

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Mumbai: A key reason why Ahmedabad will host the IPL-2026 final on May 31, instead of Bengaluru or another city, is that the city is set to host an important meeting of the International Cricket Council around the same time, BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia revealed to TOI.

"An important ICC meeting is scheduled to be held in Ahmedabad around the time of the final. That meeting was originally supposed to take place in Doha, Qatar, from March 25-27, but was postponed due to the ongoing conflict involving the US, Israel and Iran. All the foreign delegates will be present in Ahmedabad during that period. The meeting will run concurrently with the IPL final," Saikia told TOI on Friday.

Saikia also clarified that "logistical and weather issues," along with maximising revenue from ticket sales, were key factors behind the decision to stage the final at the Narendra Modi Stadium.

"In terms of logistics and facilities, the Narendra Modi Stadium is possibly the best venue in India. The stadium can accommodate 1,32,000 spectators, helping the BCCI maximise ticket revenue for the final. In comparison, Bengaluru's Chinnaswamy Stadium has a capacity of only around 32,000," Saikia said.

"Please remember that, unlike IPL league matches, which state associations organise in partnership with the BCCI, the playoffs and final are conducted solely by the BCCI," he added.

The BCCI secretary said the board had considered other venues for the playoffs, but weather concerns at the end of May influenced the final decision.

Ton-up Shanto powers Bangladesh vs Pak

Captain Najmul Hossain Shanto's century put Bangladesh in a strong position on the opening day of the first Test against Pakistan on Friday. Shanto made 101 off 130 balls, including 12 fours and two sixes, to steer Bangladesh to 301/4 at stumps. Mominul Haque missed out his ton after being dismissed on 91.

Shanto and Mominul combined for a 170-run partnership for the third wicket to steady the innings after Bangladesh had slumped to 31-2 in 10.1 overs.

Pakistan captain Shan Masood won the toss and sent Bangladesh into bat first, a decision his pacers justified with disciplined bowling. Opener Mahmudul Hasan Joy survived an early chance on 6 but could not make it count, edging behind off Shaheen Shah Afridi for 8.

Fellow opener Shadman Islam also struggled against the movement before edging to first slip for 13. AGENCIES

Brief scores: Bangladesh (I innings): 301/4 in 85 overs (Monimul Haque 91, Najmul Shanto 101, Mushfiqur Rahim 48n.o) vs Pakistan.

₹7,000 GPS watches must for 1.2L Haj pilgrims not working

It Was Included In Pilgrimage Kit For Safety

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The watch has become a flashpoint for families already facing costs exceeding Rs 4 lakh per person and a sudden Rs 10,000 airfare hike

New Delhi: When a sudden airfare hike of Rs 10,000 per pilgrim was announced in late April, it set off a wider debate over what India's Haj pilgrims were actually paying for—and one line item that came under immediate scrutiny was a deduction of Rs 7,000 for a GPS-enabled smartwatch that each of the 1.2 lakh pilgrims had been mandated to carry.

The watch, procured by the Haj Committee of India and supplied by Delhi-based firm Sekyo Innovations, was positioned as a safety measure. But pilgrims who have since departed say the device is not turning on, not holding charge, and not "actually tracking" anyone.

The decision, implemented by the Haj Committee of India, was centred around pilgrim safety, but has triggered questions over cost, execution and necessity.

Each pilgrim has effectively paid Rs 7,000 for the device, directly deducted from their Haj deposit—one of seven main cost heads in the standard Haj package including meals, accommodation, and conveyance. For families already bearing a total outlay that can exceed Rs 4 lakh per person, and reeling from a sudden Rs 10,000-per-head airfare hike announced in late April, the watch has become a flashpoint.

The watches were procured through a fast-tracked tender process in Dec 2025. More than 1.2 lakh devices were ordered.

Sekyo Innovations, a Delhi-based firm, operates on a hybrid model—designing and assembling the watches in India while sourcing critical high-tech components, including GPS modules, sensors and chipsets, from Hong Kong, China and Canada.

According to the members of Delhi State Haj Committee, the smartwatch is included in the Haj kit distributed to pilgrims before departure: "Every year, some changes are made. The departure kit typically contains passport stickers, luggage tags, boarding passes, ID cards, and now, for the first time, a GPS-enabled watch," a member told **TOI**.

The rollout of the smartwatch that was designed to help track Indian pilgrims in real time and provide emergency assistance when needed, has been far from smooth.

Usman Ansari, a pilgrim from Old Delhi, told **TOI** that many travellers—particularly elderly and less tech-savvy individuals—are struggling to use the device. "They told us the watch would be activated in Saudi Arabia, but most people don't know how to operate it. Around 70% haven't even been able to switch it on because some update or the other is required," he said.

25% ethanol blending in petrol likely

New Delhi: The West Asia conflict is pushing govt to look at a faster transition towards renewable energy, including the possibility of increasing ethanol blending in petrol from 20-25%, although in a calibrated manner.

This will come along with increased refining capacity within the country, so that there is a buffer in the system and greater domestic resilience, those familiar with the discussions said, pointing out that sustaining refineries at 100% capacity is not sustainable.

While Barmer refinery has begun operations, expansion at Numaligarh is under way and work on integrated refineries on the west coast is also under focus. Apart from a mega refinery in Maharashtra, a new unit is planned in Gujarat.

Officials said rising use of renewables, biofuels and hydrogen has become a strategic necessity in view of military conflict in West Asia, which has disrupted global energy supplies, triggering a supply crisis and a surge in oil and gas prices. TNN

Huntington's patients push for rare disease tag, registry

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> Recognising Huntington's Disease under NPRD and ensuring PMJAY coverage will reduce catastrophic out-of-pocket expenditure and provide long overdue policy visibility
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> **Huntington Disease Society, India**

There is no registry for Huntington's disease, a rare neurodegenerative hereditary disorder, because it is not listed as a rare disease. And without a registry to officially quantify how many suffer from it, patients and their families are struggling to get it included as a rare disease. Caught in this chicken-and-egg situation, the Huntington Disease Society, India — formed by families of persons suffering from the disease, doctors and researchers — gathered in the Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology to discuss advances in treatment options and ways of making them accessible to patients in India.

Unlike most rare diseases included in the official list that are paediatric diseases, the symptoms of Huntington's disease, caused by a genetic mutation inherited from a parent, typically appear between 30-50 years of age and the symptoms progressively worsen over 15-20 years. The National Policy for Rare Diseases (NPRD), 2021, was updated in Aug 2024 when the list of diseases listed under it was expanded from 55-63 with diseases such as Laron syndrome and Glanzmann Thrombasthenia being added. This has made the Huntington Disease Society hopeful.

The Society's letter to the health minister pointed out that the disease imposed lifelong multidimensional burden on affected individuals and families.

"At least if the condition gets added, the ICMR can start a registry. Nimhans has treated more than 500 patients in more than a decade. AIIMS must have treated a similar number. But without a registry, the patients remain invisible to the system. Such a registry will also help in research into the disease and its treatment modalities. We also need regional centres of excellence so that it becomes easier for patients to seek treatment," said Venkateshwara Rao Koushik, chairman of the society, whose wife is afflicted.

Dr Mohammed Faruq, senior principal scientist at IGIB, held out hope for treatment to be developed through consistent research into gene therapy, which has shown promise.

Dr Vineeth Jaison, senior neurologist from CMC Ludhiana, stressed the need for long term follow up of patients so that doctors could understand the condition better. He explained how the disease, though seen as mostly a neurological problem initially, has now been recognised as one needing multi-specialty coordination.

Losses not sustainable for oil companies, say officials

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Oil companies are purchasing costlier oil and gas from the global market, but selling fuel at lower prices. It is impacting their finances. That's why govt reduced the excise duty on petrol and diesel, which is costing it Rs 14,000 crore a month," Sharma said.

Officials said losses were not sustainable indefinitely, especially amid projections that prices would remain elevated for at least four months even if a permanent ceasefire was announced now.

While govt has cut excise duty on petrol (Rs 13 a litre) and diesel (Rs 10), it has limited headroom. Govt will have to bear the subsidy on domestic cooking gas cylinders.

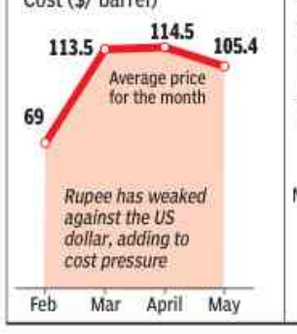
Govt and oil companies will, however, have to decide on the extent of the increase. Besides, a steep rise in petrol prices will stoke headline inflation, with retail inflation currently at 3.4%.

G Krishanakumar, the former CMD of Bharat Petroleum, said, "India is going to remain a fossil fuel-dependent economy till a very strong renewable energy base is created. To manage this transition, oil companies need to invest. They cannot do that with weak balance sheets. While govt has done an excellent job in managing the situation, it can only pad up for some time and there is a need to raise prices. After all, most countries have increased prices since the war started. We can look at innovative ways, such as a daily increase in small amounts, whose impact will not be felt by consumers."

Former Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited chief S K Surana said, "Companies do have under-recoveries, the earlier it gets settled, the better. But govt will have to bear in mind the impact on the macroeconomy and consumers."

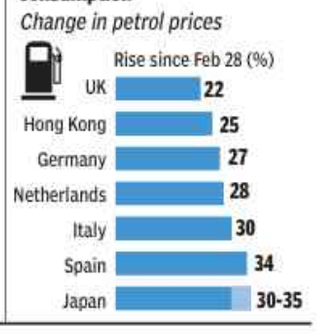
PRICE PRESSURE

Indian basket: Cost of crude for Indian refiners has shot up



Other countries have raised prices, taken steps to reduce consumption

Change in petrol prices



SC: Focus on evidence collection rather than sensationalising probe

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A bench of CJI Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said, "SC has repeatedly said it will be extremely shy of directing arrest of any individual. Importance must be given to collection and preservation of evidence and protection to witnesses, rather than sensationalise investigations."

"While monitoring investigations, we do not express any opinion on correctness of arrest or non-arrest of any person. For effective investigation, the agencies are best suited to determine how to proceed, and whether custodial interrogation of anyone is needed," CJI Kant said.

The bench, however, turned down ADAG's plea to insert a line in the order to convey that SC had not formed an opinion on the merits of the case and that the court monitoring the probe does not mean the opposite.

SC said continuous mandamus jurisprudence devised during monitoring of CBI probe into Jain-Hawala scam in the Vineet Narain case in the 1990s is a principle of which the court should be proud of. However, the observations made during the court monitoring of investigations caused immense collateral damage to the reputations of many. "The consequences were devastating. That is why we are not commenting on the investigations," the bench clarified.

Appearing for CBI, solicitor general Tushar Mehta said CBI has so far filed nine FIRs against different ADAG entities and that in seven FIRs, the total sum involved is Rs 27,337 crore. He narrated the broad contours of the investigations and the progress made, and said four people have been arrested and 31 lookout circulars issued.

The court said the "need of the hour is a time-bound thorough investigation to maintain public trust."

ICICI Bank fraud case: HC stays Kochhar's asset attachment

Mumbai: Bombay high court Friday granted interim relief to Deepak Kochhar and four companies in connection with Rs 300 crore ICICI Bank loan fraud case, **reports Swati Deshpande**. HC was hearing a fresh challenge to a New Delhi appellate tribunal's July 2025 order in the money laundering case of 2020.

The court stayed an attachment order and restrained Enforcement Directorate from taking possession of properties under consideration. It said after "going through the judgment under challenge, we have formed an opinion that the appellants have made out a case for interim protection."

Senior counsel Amit Desai, who appeared for Kochhar, said PMLA adjudicating authority's finding of non-applicability of provision of PMLA could not have been interfered with so lightly by the tribunal.

HC gave ED 2 weeks to file its reply, if any, and posted the matter to June 19.

India conducts its maiden test of an 'N-capable ICBM'

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India gets tech to turn 'dumb' warhead into 'smart' weapon

India has developed a glide weapon system technology that can convert an unguided ("dumb") warhead into a guided ("smart") weapon, marking its entry into an elite group of countries that possess advanced stand-off weapons capabilities, reports **Surendra Singh**. On Thursday, DRDO, in collaboration with the IAF, successfully conducted the maiden flight-trial of Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation weapon. The modular range extension kit is India's first indigenous glide weapon system to convert unguided warheads into precision-guided weapons.

New Delhi: Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) launched maiden test of a nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) off Odisha coast Friday evening.

"Though the test-launch doesn't look like that of an Agni-6 missile, the missile tested today is of ICBM category," a defence source told **TOI**. However, DRDO is yet to officially make an announcement about the missile test.

Only four countries — US, Russia, China and North Korea — possess ICBM technology and have deployed ICBMs with over 12,000-km range. France and Britain possess operational nuclear-armed submarine-launched ballistic missile technology. If India perfects ICBM capability, any country, including the US, will come in its missile strike range.

The possession of nuclear-capable ICBM technology means the ability to respond to a nuclear attack, thus preventing any country from attacking first.

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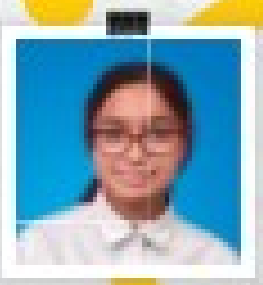

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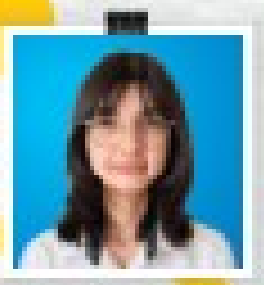

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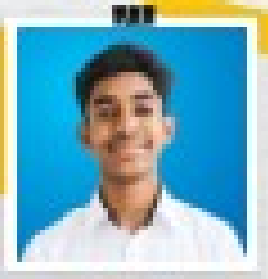

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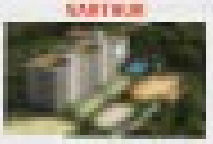

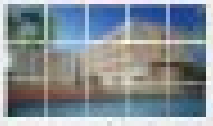

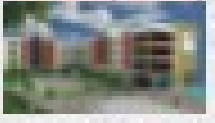

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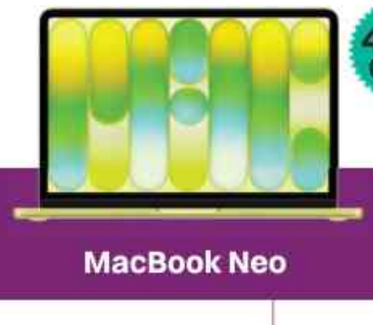

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Man gets life in jail for electrocuting wife

A court in Bareilly sentenced a 45-year-old man to life imprisonment for murdering his mentally ill wife in 2022 by tying her to a cot and repeatedly electrocuting her. TNN

Corporator booked for sheltering TCS staffer

Nashik: An FIR has been registered against AIMIM corporator Mateen Majid Patel for allegedly providing shelter to the Nashik TCS woman employee arrested in a case involving alleged sexual exploitation and religious harassment of a colleague, **report Santosh Sonawane1 & Mohammed Akhef**.

The Nashik police have named Patel, a corporator from Naregaon, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, as co-accused for allegedly helping the woman and her family secure a rented accommodation. On Thursday, they served a notice to him and seized his phone. Nashik police chief Sandeep Karnik on Friday confirmed Patel had been made a co-accused. "Initial probe revealed the woman was harboured by Patel," he said.

The woman, her aunt and two male relatives had allegedly been staying in a secluded house near Kausar Park in Naregaon for the past five days before she was arrested late on Thursday. Patel has been charged under Section 238 of BNS. He denied any wrongdoing. "The family had reached out to seek help in getting a house on rent and I obliged. I was not aware that the TCS employee was also part of that family. It is wrong to blame me," he said.

Staffer in cop custody

A court in Nashik on Friday remanded the TCS woman employee in police custody till May 11. Police said since the woman is pregnant, she will be provided with necessary medications. Her mother has been allowed to meet her daily, said an officer.

"The (accused) woman had allegedly given the complainant a garment for the purpose of conversion. It must be probed from where and from whom it was obtained. She would share with the complainant links on religious education. Her cellphone needs to be seized," public prosecutor Ajay Misar said outside court.

Political row

The surfacing of Patel's name has sparked a political row. Sambhajinagar guardian minister and state social welfare minister Sanjay Shirsat accused the AIMIM leadership of harbouring and supporting the accused woman. Shirsat alleged AIMIM, led by former MP Syed Imtiaz Jaleel, had supported similar activities.

Thunderstorm, lightning kill seven in Bihar

Patna: A fierce thunderstorm accompanied by heavy rain and lightning killed seven people and disrupted normal life across Bihar on Friday evening, **reports Adwitiya Deb**.

Lightning claimed one life each in Bhojpur, Patna, Samastipur and East Champaran districts, while falling trees caused two deaths in Patna and one in Vaishali, official reports stated. Patna witnessed massive traffic snarls, uprooted trees and widespread damage.

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Website: www.nbccindia.in | CIN-L74899DL1960GOI003335

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

NIT No. NBCC/CPG/RIICO/RAJ/Mandapam/Pkg-I/2026/569
Dated 08.05.2026

NBCC (India) Ltd. invites online open e-tender for "Planning, Designing and construction of Rajasthan Mandapam (Convention plus Expo), Basement, Roads, Greens and services - Sub Package-1 on EPC basis". The tender document can be downloaded from website **https://nbcc.enivida.com** and **www.eprocure.gov.in.**

Estimated Cost put to tender : Rs. 2553.22 Crore

Completion Period:- 21 Months. Last date & time of submission: 08.06.2026 by 11:00 AM (IST). Corrigendum, if any, would appear only on the website and not to be published in any News Paper.

CGM,CPG Division

RESERVE BANK INNOVATION HUB
CIN: U72900KA2021NPL178293

The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India, invites quotations from the applicant/architect to provide complete architectural and interior design, planning, supervision and certification services for leasehold improvements at its office premises located at No. 8, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru - 560001. Interested parties may access detailed specifications and eligibility criteria at **https://rbihub.in/resources**. The deadline for the submission of quotations is **25 May 2026**, on or before **1100** hours.

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website : www.pspcl.in

GVK Power (Goindwal Sahib) Limited
Regd. Office: Plot No 10, Paigah Colony, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad-500003, Telangana, India CIN:U40109TG1997PLC028483
(A wholly owned subsidiary of Guru Amar Das Thermal Power Limited GATPL)
(A step down wholly owned subsidiary of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited PSPCL)

HOD- MMD, GATP, Goindwal Sahib, invites E-Tender for Hiring of Bulldozer DB-155 / Equivalent for **continuous compaction and handling coal yard in CHP** area for 1 year.

1	Tender Enquiry No. 152GATP/CHP/26-27/13/50007651 "Procurement for Hiring of Bulldozer DB-155 / Equivalent for continuous compaction and handling coal yard in CHP area for 1 year" at 2X270 MW Guru Amardas Thermal Plant (GATP), Goindwal Sahib, Distt. Tarn Taran, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications.

For detailed NIT & tender specifications, please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 08/05/2026 from 17:00 Hrs. onwards.
Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

GATP-45/26. DPR/Pb.:1079/12/2026-27/11353

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Executive Director Business and Operations invites Expression of Interest for the association as Project Partners with Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. for various new projects from eligible companies. For further details please visit www.konkanrailway.com (The path for EOI document : **www.konkanrailway.com --> Departments -> Electrical ->Empanelled Business Associate->EOI for enlisting Companies/ Firm for project -> EOI document for Empanelment of Operation & Maintenance of Electric Loco Workshops/ Sheds, and Maintenance of 3-phase locomotives including IOH, POH and other schedules of WAP-7 & WAG-9, IOH of Motorized Bogies and Traction Motors and as specified in tender scope)**
Processing Charges :Rs.15,000/- Rupees Fifteen Thousand plus GST 18% only. (non refundable).

Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation Ltd.

Gandhi Block, SwasthyaBhawan, Tilak Marg, C-Scheme, Jaipur-302005 (Raj.)
Phone No: 0141-2228066, 2228064, Website: http://rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in
E-mail :edpssrmsc@rajasthan.gov.in

Ref. No. :- F.02 (216)/RMSCL/Proc./S&S/NIB-11/2026/1086 Dated :- 06/05/2026

Corrigendum-I in NIB-11/2026

In Reference to NIB No.Ref. No.: F.02 (216)/RMSCL/Proc./S&S/NIB-11/2026/1030 Dated:- 22.04.2026 UBN No.MSC2627GLRC00006 Corrigendum-I is issued for date extension in bid document. All details may be seen on **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in &** https://www.rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in.

Executive Director (Proc.)
RMSCL
Raj.Samwad/C/26/2393

Metro Railway, Kolkata

e-Tender is invited by Principal Chief Engineer, Metro Railway for the following work: Name of work: Construction of Underground tank of 20000 Liters and its connections and allied works of 26 nos. Metro Stations from Dakshineswar to Kavi Subhash (Blue Line) of Metro Railway, Kolkata. **Approx Cost of Work: ₹ 1,98,85,880.12; Earnest Money : ₹ 3,97,700.00; Completion Period:** 12 **(Twelve) Months, Date and Time of Closing :** 02.06.2026 at 12:00 Hrs. The Tender Document and other details can be obtained from the website **www.ireps.gov.in Amendments/Corrigendum, if any, would be uploaded only on the website.**

Abridged e-Tender Notice No. : Civil-2564-2026-(Open)

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KARNATAKA HANDLOOM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)

Head Office, Priyadarshini Nekar Bhavana,
Iˢᵗ Floor, Opp. K. H. Patil College, Vidyanagar, Hubli-580031
Mobile: 9113544219 @Mail: mpkhdchbl@gmail.com,

No.KHDC/MD/M(P)/2026-27/01/IND0029 Date:- 08.05.2026

SHORT Term E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Managing Director, Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation Limited invites e-tender under Karnataka Transparency in Public procurement 1999 Act and Rules 2000 from reputed Suppliers for supply of Cotton Dyed/Bleach Yarn Cones through e-procurement platform. Interested bidders may log on to **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or call help desk No.91-**8046010000, 91-8022631200** for further details. Tenders may be submitted along with prescribed EMD on or before **22.05.2026 up to 17:00 PM**. The technical bid will be opened on **25.05.2026 at 17.30 P.M.**

Corporation reserves right to partially or totally accept / reject the tender without any notification.

Sd/-
Managing Director

DIPR/DWD/153/2026-27/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)

TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of Regional Railway Manager, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. Karwar, Sr. Divisional Engineer invited following open tender on ireps.gov.in system.

Sr. No. 1. Name of the work : Protective work to stabilise the soil slope with Gabion and RCC retaining wall between Km 729/1-8 (OHE mast 729/06-30) in Chelairu cutting under JE / Surathkal section on Konkan Railway in Karnataka state (Computer No : 70597). **Tender No : KR/KW/OL/W/2026/22-CB. Cost of the work :** ₹ 173.67/- Lakhs (Excluding GST), **Closing Date & time** : 01/06/2026 at 15:00 Hrs.

Sr. No. 2. Name of the work : Drainage improvement in 3 cuttings (SL-2 cutting at Km 732/4-733/1, Innanje yard cutting at Km 700/5-702/1, and Perampalli cutting at Km 687/2-688/8) in the DEN/Udupi section of Karwar Region in KRCL (Computer No.: 70534). **Tender No : KR/KW/OL/W/2026/21-CB. Cost of the work :** ₹ 162.08/- Lakhs (Excluding GST), **Closing Date & time** : 25/05/2026 at 15:00 Hrs.

For further details, contact Office of Sr. Divisional Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. Karwar. For more details visit (https://www.ireps.gov.in)

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ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಂಡ್ಯ

ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:08232-224195 ಇ-ಮೇಲ್:eepredmandya@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕಾಆ/ಪಂರಾಇಂ/ಮಂಡ್ಯ/ಸಇಂ-2/ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ/2026-27 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.05.2026

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 01/2026-27

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ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ,
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ಪಾಇಂ/ಮಂಡ್ಯ/ತೆಂ.ಸೂ./02/2026-27

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS:TIRUPATI
MARKETING DEPARTMENT

e-Procurement Tender Notice

e-Tenders are invited for supply of **(1)** 20,00,000 Kgs of Cow Ghee through Tankers from the Dairies situated within 800 Kms from Tirumala, **(2)** 72,00,000 Kgs of Sugar **(3)** 7,200 Kgs of Compounded Asafoetida Powder to the Marketing Department, T.T.Devasthanams,. For Tender notice and tender details log on to the web site http:// www.tirumala.org and https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in. **For further details contact phone numbers: 0877-2264079, 2264555, FAX No: 0877-2264554.**

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in (Contact Number 96461-20640)

Tender Enquiry No. 1924/Th.OP/O&M/PC-2792 Dated: 08.05.2026

Chief Engineer /O&M (P&P Cell-1), GHTP. Lehra Mohabbat-151111 Distt. Bathinda invites E-tender for the **Procurement of 140 MT of Sulphuric Acid for GHTP Lehra Mohabbat.** Quantity as per NIT. For detailed NIT & Tender Specifications please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from **08.05.2026** from 17:00 hrs. Onwards.

Note:- Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at **http://eproc.punjab..gov.in**

GHTP-44/26DPR/Pb.:1079/12/2026-27/11355

Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation Ltd.

Gandhi Block, Swasthyabhawan, Tilak Marg, C-Scheme, Jaipur-302005 (Raj.)
Phone No: 0141-2228066, 2228064, Website: http://rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in
E-mail :edpssrmsc@rajasthan.gov.in

No. :- F-8 () RMSC/EPM/M-4/NIB-933/2025-26/RajKaj 22054142 Dated :- 07/05/2026

Corrigendum / Addendum

Corrigendum / Addendum Bid No. (NIB-933) for Item White Sharp Container (White Box) for revised technical specifications has been issued. Corrigendum / Addendum details may be visited on Procurement portal website **https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in or www.dipronline.org or https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** or website **http://rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in.**

UBN : MSC2526GLOB00056

Executive Director (EPM)
RMSCL
Raj.Samwad/C/26/2396

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY (OPEN LINE))

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, 30th April 2026

S.O.2161(E).—In the exercise of the powers conferred by clause (6) of section 20F and clause 7A of section 2 of the Railway Act, 1989 (24 of 1989) the Central Government hereby authorizes the officers mentioned in column(4) of the table below as 'Competent Authority' and the Officers mentioned in column (5) of the table below as 'Arbitrator' to perform the functions as such authority under the said act with effect from date of publication of this notification in the official Gazette in respect of Special Railway Projects mentioned in column (2) relating to district mentioned in column (3) of the table below for public purpose of Execution, Maintenance, Management and Operation of such Special Railway Project.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	District	Competent Authority	Arbitrator
1	2	3	4	5
1	**Sampige Road - Arsikere Section:** Proposed Construction of RUB at km. 114/300-400 in lieu of LC No. 67 between Ammasandra - Banasandra Stations.	D Hosahalli Heggere Lingapura (Villages) Turuvekere (Taluk) Tumkur (District)	Special land acquisition officer, Tumkur - Rayadurga Railway Project, Tumkur.	Regional Commissioner, Bangalore.
2	**Sampige Road - Arsikere Section:** Proposed construction of RUB in lieu of LC No. 72 at km. 122/500-600 between Banasandra - Kardi Stations.	A Hoshalli (Village) Turuvekere (Taluk) Tumkur (District)		

No. Y/W. 277/Land/RUB(67&72)/TTR

Sd/-
CHANNO MAL GUPTA
Principal Chief Engineer

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Government of Karnataka - Karnataka Forest Department
Assistant Conservator of Forests,
Channagiri Sub Division, Channagiri.

No.: ACF: Channagiri:Tender.C.R-01/26-27-2 D: 07.05.2026

Tender is invited through e-procurement portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for providing services of Computer Operators/ Drivers/Watchmen/Security Camp Watchmen/Poaching Prevention Camp Watchmen, etc. required at Zones as mentioned in the Schedule below in the limits of the Zones of the Division and Bhadravathi Division Office for the year 2026-27, fixing time up to 5.00 PM on 22.05.2026. For Tender conditions and further information this office can be contacted during office hours and details regarding the Tender can be obtained from the official website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- **Assistant Conservator of Forests,**
Channagiri Sub Division, Channagiri

DIPR/smg/ksmca/26-27/30/05/202

Tumakuru City Corporation, Tumakuru

Website: www.tumakurucity.mrc.gov.in
Phone No:2278480, Fax: 2275106 e-mail : itstaff_ulb_tumkur@yahoo.com Grievance: 0816-2272200, 2271200

No:TCC/TMP/E&WS/Quotation/CR/05/2026-27 DATED: 07.05.2026

Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, Tumakuru City Corporation, Tumakuru invites tenders as per the KTPP act 1999-2000 through KPPP portal for Corporation Grant tenders Eligible Contractors with PWD License certificate can Participate in the Tender. Contractors can download and submit the tenders through KPPP portal http/kppp.karnataka.gov.in Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:

1. Date of reciept of Tenders : 07-05-2026. 2. Last Date for Submission of Tenders : 22-05-2026 at 4.30 pm. 4. Pre-Bid Meeting : 11-05-2026 at 11.30 am. 5. Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) : 25-05-2026 at 4.35 pm. 6. Date of Opening of Tenders for Amrut : 26-05-2026 at 4.45 pm.

Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only Through KPPP portal and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Tumakur City Corporation Tumakuru

DIPR/TUM/65/KSMCA/2026-27

Tumakuru City Corporation, Tumakuru

Website: www.tumakurucity.mrc.gov.in
Office No:2278480, Helpline: 9449872599 e-mail : itstaff_ulb_tumkur@yahoo.com

No:TCC/Engineer Section/ele&Ws/Tender/CR/06/2026-27 DATED: 05.05.2026

Tender Notification

The Commissioner, Tumakuru City Corporation, Tumakuru invites tenders as per the KTPP act 1999-2000 through KPPP portal for Tumakuru City Corporation, for 01 Water supply work under genaral fund 2026-27. For more information go to website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ and contact technical section in the office hours.

Contractors can download and submit the tenders through e-Procurement portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically.

Scheduled calendar of events and other information are as follows:

1. Date of Queries of Tenders : 16-05-2026 at 5.00 pm. 2. Last Date for Submission of Tenders : 21-05-2026 at 5.00 pm. 3. Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) : 22-05-2026 at 5.15 pm.

Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Tumakur City Corporation Tumakuru

DIPR/TUM/60/KSMCA/2026-27

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of the Director General and Inspector General of Police,
No-2, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru 560 001.

No: 04/STS-1/2026-27(Part-2) Dated : 07.05.2026

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

The e-tender are invited in "Two Cover System" as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 1999 and Rules, 2000 through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** for Supply of below Kit Articles for all the Police Personnel of Karnataka State.

Sl. No	Item Name	Tender No.	Total Qty	Estimated Value (in Rs.)
1	Khaki PV Cloth (DPO & Other Units)	KSP/2026-27/IND0603	2,37,854	4,22,69,034.34
2	Khaki PV Cloth (COP & Other Units)	KSP/2026-27/IND0604	2,37,853	4,22,68,856.63
3	White PV Cloth	KSP/2026-27/IND0605	24,618	43,87,912.32
4	Ankle Shoes with PU Rubber Sole (DPO & Other Units)	KSP/2026-27/IND0606	34,832	3,02,46,018.88
5	Ankle Shoes with PU Rubber Sole (COP & Other Units)	KSP/2026-27/IND0607	34,832	3,02,46,018.88
6	Brown Oxford Shoes	KSP/2026-27/IND0608	13,667	1,38,86,492.02
7	Ladies Shoes	KSP/2026-27/IND0609	7,997	75,55,885.48
8	Navy Blue Peak Cap	KSP/2026-27/IND0610	78,500	1,86,28,050.00
9	Khaki Peak Cap	KSP/2026-27/IND0611	13,784	26,24,887.12
10	Khaki Socks	KSP/2026-27/IND0612	1,52,284	88,32,472.00

Published Date : **06.05.2026 through e-portal 2.0,** Last Date and Time for Bid Submission : **05.06.2026 @ 17:30 Hrs.**

In order to participate in e-Procurement 2.0 platform all the intended tenderers have to register in the e-Procurement portal. A training program in e-Procurement is organized by e-Procurement cell. The tenderers can take assistance with e-Procurement help desk at +91 80 46010000 & +91 80 68948777 to participate in the above tenders. It is mandatory for tenderers to register in e-Procurement 2.0 platform.

Sd/-
For Director General and Inspector General of Police

DIPR/CP/568/NR/2026-27

BENGALURU WEST CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Chief Veterinary officer
(Animal Husbandry) Bengaluru - 560002.

No. CVO/HOD/AH/TEND/PR-07/2026-27 Date: 07-05-2026

EOI NOTIFICATION

BENGALURU WEST CITY CORPORATION invites EOI proposal in two cover system for Implementing Mass Dog Vaccination (MDV)-ARV & Combined Vaccine & Microchipping FOR STRAY DOGS IN BWCC, RAJARAJESHWARINAGARA ZONE (ZONE-1) AND MALLESWARAM ZONE (ZONE-2)

Following is the Events of Bid Process:

1	Date of Commencement of Download of RPF Document from KPP Portal website: http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in **11-05-2026** onwards
2	Tender Inviting Authority : Chief Veterinary Officer, Head, Animal Husbandry Department, BWCC
3	Tender Accepting Authority : Commissioner, BWCC
4	Last Date and Time for uploading Online queries in KPP portal: **15-05-2026** at **5:00** pm.
5	Date & Time of Pre-bid Meeting: **15-05-2026** at **11:30** am, at the following venue: Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer, head Animal Husbandry department,BWCC, Rajarajeshwarinagara Zone, 18th Cross, Ideal Homes Township, Rajarajeshwarinagara, Bengaluru-560 098
6	Last Date and Time for uploading of RFP in KPP Portal: **25-05-2026** at **5:00** pm.
7	Date and Time for Opening of RFP in KPP Portal: **26-05-2026** at **5:10** pm.
8	Place of Opening of EOI: Online at Karnataka public Procurment portal
9	Address for Communication: Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer, head Animal Husbandry department, Rajarajeshwari Nagara Zone, 18th Cross, Ideal Homes Township, Rajarajeshwarinagara, Bengaluru-560 098, Phone: 9480685206, Email: cvohodah.bwcc@gmail.com

1. Tender documents may be download from the website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in
2. Other details can be seen in the tender documents

Sd/- Chief Veterinary Officer,
Head, Animal Husbandry Department, BWCC

Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata
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CORRIGENDUM NOTICE - VIII

Some changes in the Tender No.: SDM(P&E)/T/28/2025-2026 & E-Tender No. 2026_KoPT_893751_1 for "Integrated development & Mechanization of Berth No. 9 and 10 (erstwhile Berth No. 8 and 9) on DBFOT basis at Haldia Dock Complex, SMPA" for 30 years have been incorporated in "Corrigendum-VIII Notice".

The Bidding Document (in full) and "Corrigendum-VIII Notice" are available https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app and https://smportkolkata.shipping.gov.in

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RAIL WHEEL FACTORY
Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in

Tender Notice No.
RWF/S/P2/04/2026-27 Dated 08/05/2026

On behalf of the President of India, the Principal Chief Materials Manager invites Electronic Global Open Tender from OEM or their authorised agents for supply of the following item, on the Indian Railways e-portal www.ireps.gov.in.

Tender Number : P2265414 **Brief Item Description :** OSIMERTINIB 80 MG TABLET (Items to be supplied on call-of basis intimation as per rate contract purchase order and actual requirement). **Quantity :** 720 Nos.

Tender Closing Date and Time : 02/06/2026 14:00 hrs.

Tender details can be viewed on our website www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in or www.ireps.gov.in. The tender documents and the corrigendum to the Tender if any, will be available on the portal only.

Principal Chief Materials Manager

RAJASTHAN MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.

(A Govt. of Rajasthan Undertaking), Gandhi Block, Swasthya Bhawan, Tilak Marg, Jaipur-302005, India,
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Ref No. :- F.8( )/RMSCL/EPM/NIB-947/2026/171 Dated :- 07/05/2026

Notice Inviting E-Bids

Sealed Single Stage Two- envelopes unconditional online Bids for Two Year Rate Contract, are invited on behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan for the procurement of Goods as listed below, from Manufacturer /Direct Importer as per the Bidding Schedule given below:

S. No.	Item Name/Description	Ref. No.	UBN	Estimated Value Rs. in Crore	Last Time & Last date for bid submission
1.	Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO)	F-8() RMSC/EPM/M-4/ NIB-947/2026-27/166	MSC2627GLOB00016	80,00,00,000/-	11.06.2026 Up to 6.00 PM

Other particulars of the bids may be visited on the procurement portal **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and www.rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in and may be downloaded from** there.

Executive Director (EPM)
RMSCL
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Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority

First Floor, Commercial Complex, P-2, Sector Omega 1, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201308

Reference Number:PLNG/525 Dated: 06/05/2026

Constituting Panel of Chartered Accountants for conducting Statutory Audit for development of International Film City in YEIDA

Detailed RFP document is available on the E-Procurement Portal of Government of UP **[https://etender.up.nic.in/]** from **11/05/2026**. The authority seeks Constituting Panel of Chartered Accountants for conducting Statutory Audit for development of International Film City in YEIDA.

Interested Applicants are required to submit their proposal online on the E-procurement website on or before **01/06/2026, 1700 hrs (IST)**. In case of any queries, the Bidders are invited to contact on the following email id: **skbhatiapcs@gmail.com; yeida.planning@gmail.com;** **GM, Planning**

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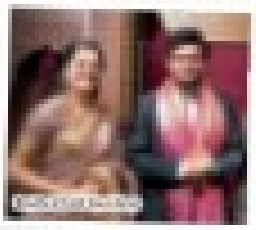

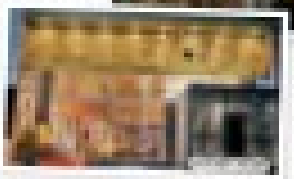

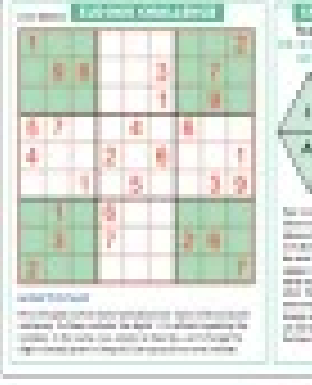

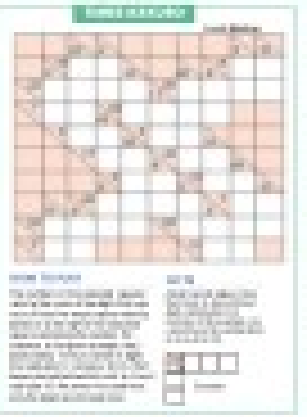

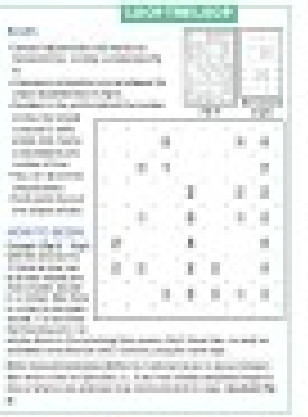

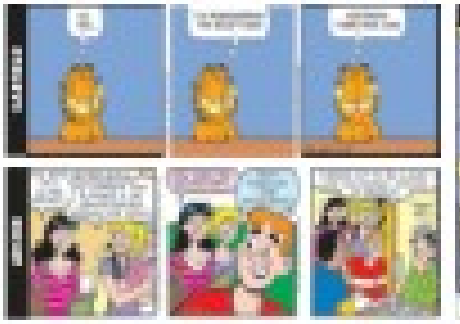

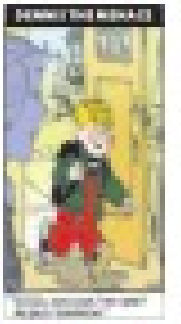

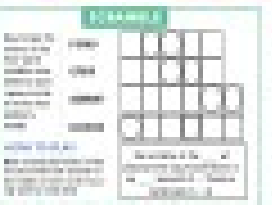

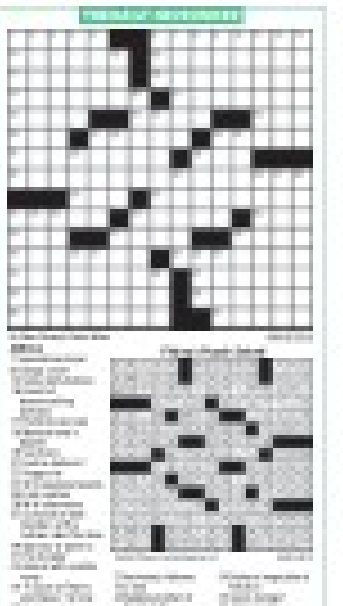

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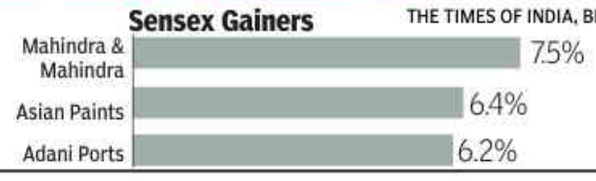
The Week That Was...

US-Iran trade fire again, stocks down, weekly gains trimmed

Equity indices fell on Friday as renewed US-Iran showdown pushed oil prices higher and hit weekly gains built on hopes of a near-term resolution and improved corporate earnings. Sensex closed with trimmed weekly gains of 0.5% at 77,328 and Nifty closed 0.7% up, at 24,176

Sensex 0.5%

Sensex Gainers



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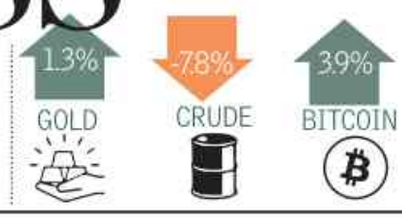

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Was the record low that rupee touched on Tuesday, before closing at 95.28/$. Strong dollar demand from corporates and rising crude oil prices early in the week weighed on sentiment

Source: BSE, Reuters, screener.in

Redefine affordable housing parameters, banks tell govt

'Rising Ticket Sizes, Interest Costs Need To Be Considered'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Banks have asked govt to review the definition of affordable housing by revising property value and size thresholds to reflect inflation and changing requirements, as rising ticket sizes and interest costs render existing limits less relevant.

"We are the market leaders in housing finance and our home loan portfolio has grown by 13.7%. Our average ticket size has also gone up. The composition of affordable housing needs to change. This is what we have told govt," said CS Setty, chairman State Bank of India.

"With the passage of time, fixed limits lose their relevance. Today, it may not be possible to purchase a house within price thresholds that qualified as affordable 10 years ago. Ideally, these limits should be indexed to real estate prices.," said Keki Mistry, chairman, HDFC Bank. "Similarly, Section 24(b) of the Income-Tax Act provides for a deduction of Rs 2 lakh on interest paid on home loans. When this limit was set in 2014, it was significant; today, it covers only a small portion of the average interest outgo," he added.

Currently, govt follows multiple definitions of affordable housing. Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (urban), affordability is linked to income categories and house size. Economically weaker sections include households with income up to Rs 3 lakh a year and house size up to around 30 sq m carpet area. Low income groups cover income between Rs 3 lakh and Rs 6 lakh with house size up to around 60 sq m. Middle income groups I and II include income between Rs 6 lakh and Rs 18 lakh with larger size limits of up to around 160 sq m for higher categories.

In Jan 2026, the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (Credai) called for updating affordable housing parameters. "The current definition, unchanged since 2017, restricts units to 60 sq m in metros and 90 sq m in non-metros, along with a Rs 45 lakh value cap that no longer aligns with higher land and construction costs," the association said. The industry body said multiple definitions across schemes such as PMAY, RBI, NHB, and Rera create complexity.

WHAT IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

- Govt follows multiple definitions of affordable housing
- Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), affordability is linked to income categories and house size
- **Economically weaker sections** include households with income up to ₹3 lakh a year and house size up to around 30 square metre carpet area
- **Low income groups** cover income between ₹3 lakh and ₹6 lakh with house size up to around 60 sq m
- **Middle income groups** I and II include income between ₹6 lakh-₹18 lakh with larger size limits of up to around 160 sq m for higher categories

RBI eases rules for banks to include quarterly profits in regulatory capital

Mumbai: The RBI on Friday eased rules for banks to include current-year profits in capital adequacy calculations each quarter by removing an additional NPA-linked condition. Banks can now add quarterly profits to CET1 capital for CRAR computation, subject to a prescribed formula and quarterly audit or limited review of financials. Similar norms apply to small finance and payments banks. TNN

Health share in non-life industry climbs to 41%

Segment Grows 15.4% To ₹1.4 L Cr, Standalone Insurers Account For 33% Of Total Premium

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Mumbai: Health insurance is steadily increasing its dominance in India's non-life insurance industry, with its share rising to 40.8% in FY26 from 38.6% a year earlier. Health as a segment grew 15.4% to about Rs 1.4 lakh crore, even as the non-life industry grew 9.3%, with total gross direct premium income reaching nearly Rs 3.4 lakh crore in FY26.

Stand-alone health insurers accounted for 32.7% of the total health insurance premium, underwriting Rs 44,863.7 crore out of the industry's total health premium of Rs 1,37,144.5 crore. The top five insurers in the health segment were New India Assurance with Rs 21,531.5 crore and 15.7% market share of health, followed by Star Health & Allied Insurance with Rs 18,435 crore and 13.4% share. Care Health Insurance followed with Rs 9,768.4 crore (7.1%), ICICI Lombard with Rs 8,617.3 crore (6.3%) and Niva Bupa Health Insurance with Rs 8,479.7 crore (6.2%). Stand-alone health insurers outperformed the broader industry with growth of 19.4%.

The expansion in health insurance anchored the industry's performance, while other segments showed mixed trends. Motor insurance, the second-largest segment, saw its share remain largely unchanged at 32.2%, with premiums at about Rs 1.1 lakh crore and growth of 9.2%. Fire insurance increased its share to 8.2% from 7.9%, with premiums of Rs 27,523.8 crore and growth of 13.4%. Personal accident insurance recorded the fastest growth of 35.0%, raising its share to 3.5% from 2.8% with premiums of Rs 11,603.7 crore. Engineering grew 13.1% to Rs 6,801.5 crore with a 2% share, while liability remained stable at 1.8% with premiums of Rs 5,993.3 crore and growth of 9.6%.

Marine insurance saw its share decline slightly to 1.7% from 1.8%, with premiums of Rs 5,819.5 crore and growth of 5.7%. Aviation premiums stood at Rs 1,089.3 crore, with a marginal contraction of 0.8% and a reduced share of 0.3% from 0.4%. The miscellaneous segment declined sharply by 17.6%, with its share dropping to 9.5% from 12.6% and premiums at Rs 31,931.1 crore.

Among insurers overall, New India Assurance retained its leadership with a market share of 12.8%, up from 12.6%, and growth of 10.9%. ICICI Lombard held the second position with a share of 8.6% and growth of 7.0%. Bajaj Allianz followed with a 6.9% share and growth of 8.2%. United India Insurance reported a 6.4% share with growth of 6.7%, while Oriental Insurance rounded out the top five with a 6.2% share and growth of 4.6%.

NON-LIFE INDUSTRY GROWS 9.3%

Industry (In Decreasing Order Of Mkt Share)	Total Gross Direct Premium Income (₹L Cr)		% Growth
	FY 25	FY 26	
Health	1.2	1.4	15.4
Motor	0.1	1.1	9.2
Misc*	0.4	0.3	-17.6
Fire	0.2	0.3	13.4
Personal Accident	0.1	0.1	35

*Crop Insurance + Credit Guarantee+All other misc | Source: General Insurance Council

Swiggy FY26 losses widen, reins in qcomm

Bengaluru: Swiggy reported wider annual losses in FY26 even as its food delivery business posted its fastest growth in nearly four years. The company also signalled a more measured approach in quick commerce amid intense competition and discount-led expansion in the sector.

The Bengaluru-based company reported a loss of Rs 4,154 crore for FY26, compared with Rs 3,117 crore a year earlier, while revenue rose 51% to Rs 23,561 crore. For the March quarter, losses narrowed to Rs 800 crore from Rs 1,081 crore a year earlier and Rs 1,065 crore in the Dec quarter. Its revenue for the same period rose 47% YoY to Rs 6,649 crore. Food delivery remained Swiggy's strongest-performing business. Gross order value (GOV) rose 22.6% YoY. "Food delivery has grown at its strongest pace in nearly four years, crossing Rs 1,000 crore in annual adjusted EBITDA," cofounder, MD and group CEO Sriharsha Majety said. TNN

Urban Co's InstaHelp losses rise

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Bengaluru: Urban Company slipped deeper into losses in the March quarter as the home services platform sharply increased spending on its instant domestic services business, InstaHelp, to compete with fast-growing rivals such as Pronto and Snabbit.

The Gurugram-based company reported a consolidated loss of Rs 161 crore in the March quarter, compared with a loss of Rs 2.8 crore a year earlier, even as revenue rose 40% year-on-year to Rs 462 crore. For FY26, Urban Company posted a loss of Rs 235 crore against a profit of Rs 240 crore a year earlier, while revenue grew 34% to Rs 1,692 crore. Urban Company fulfilled 2.7 million InstaHelp orders during the quarter. "We're playing to win and not playing to look elegant," cofounder and CEO Abhiraj Singh Bhal said during the analyst call.

Zepto gets Sebi's nod for $1 billion IPO

Mumbai: Zepto's $1 billion IPO is a step closer to hitting Dalal Street with markets regulator Sebi giving it a go ahead for the issuance, details published on its website showed. The company which rivals Eternal's Blinkit and Swiggy Instamart in India's $10-11 billion quick commerce market is targeting a listing sometime by July, said people in the know. Zepto declined to comment. The bulk of the IPO, it is understood, will be through a fresh issue of shares.

The startup, last valued at $7 billion had filed for IPO through the confidential route in Dec last year and will now file updated papers in about six-eight weeks, sources said. Zepto which will join two of its listed competitors is heading to the bourses amid war-battered volatile markets which pushed its fintech peer PhonePe to pause its $1.3 billion IPO. TNN

SBI net profit rises 6%, share price tumbles 6.6%

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: State Bank of India reported a 5.8% rise in standalone net profit at Rs 19,684 crore for the March quarter, as margins came under pressure and treasury income declined amid rising bond yields and subdued equity markets. The bank declared a dividend of Rs 17.35 per equity share for the year ended March 31, 2026. Shares of the bank fell 6.6% to Rs 1,019.6 on the BSE, compared with a 0.7% decline in the benchmark index, reflecting investor concerns over core income growth.

Announcing the results, chairman CS Setty said he expected credit growth of 13–15%, but cautioned that if inflation rises beyond 4%, demand for credit in a consumption-led economy like India could be affected. Setty said the bank is looking to improve yields on advances by shifting towards better-yielding loans.

He said the lender has a loan pipeline of Rs 5.5 lakh crore, with corporate capex decisions expected around July after clarity improves.

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Net interest income rose 4.1% to Rs 44,380 crore despite 16% credit growth, as net interest margin compressed by 0.2% to 2.9%.

Non-interest income fell 29% to Rs 17,314 crore due to a treasury loss of Rs 1,471 crore and a 56% decline in forex income to Rs 1,258 crore. External factors affected other income by around Rs 4,500 crore, while regulatory changes in forex had a limited impact of Rs 57 crore.

Record profit for BOB

Bank of Baroda, on the other hand, reported a record net profit of Rs 5,616 crore for Q4FY26, up 11.2% from Rs 5,048 crore a year ago, driven by higher net interest income and lower tax provisions, while full-year profit crossed Rs 20,000 crore to reach Rs 20,021 crore, a growth of about 2.2%.

BoI profit rises 18.7%

Meanwhile, Bank of India's Q4FY26 consolidated net profit rose 18.7% to Rs 3,087.8 crore while standalone profit increased 14.9% to Rs 3,015.8 crore. Net interest income grew 11% to Rs 6,730 crore, and NIM stood at 2.6%. The bank expects FY27 NIM at 2.7–2.8% despite cost and inflation headwinds.

Biocon's revenue up 14% in FY26

Bengaluru: Biocon reported a 10% year-on-year rise in March-quarter revenue to Rs 4,569 crore, while FY26 revenue grew 14% to Rs 17,270 crore. The company expects FY27 to be a year of operational consolidation and improving profitability following the integration of its biosimilars and generics businesses into a unified biopharmaceutical enterprise.

Its CEO and MD, Shreehas Tambe, said the integration has created "one biopharmaceutical enterprise with greater scale, capability and reach," positioning the company for sustained long-term growth. Biocon also expects interest cost savings of over Rs 300 crore in FY27 following deleveraging initiatives and the buyout of minority shareholders in Biocon Biologics.

Executive chairperson **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw** said the company closed FY26 on a strong note despite a challenging geopolitical environment. "We delivered margin expansion along with 13% YoY growth in operating revenue, excluding the one-time impact of generic lenalidomide sales last year. We are now focused on profitability enhancement and long-term value creation," she said. Tambe said Biocon's heavy investment cycle in biosimilars, insulin, peptides and complex generics is now "substantially behind us," enabling the company to focus on better asset utilisation, margin expansion and improved return on capital employed. He added that newly launched products, particularly biosimilars, are expected to contribute more meaningfully in the second half of FY27.

On obesity therapies, Tambe said Biocon is taking a long-term approach and recently secured approval in Canada for generic liraglutide. "This is not a sprint. This is a marathon," he said.

Kissht shares rise 12% on mkt debut

Bengaluru: Shares of Mumbai-based digital lending platform Kissht's parent OnEMI Technology Solutions listed at Rs 191 on the BSE, nearly 12% above the issue price of Rs 171. The stock opened at Rs 190 on NSE and surged as much as 33% during the day to touch Rs 227.4 before closing at Rs 208.6, valuing the company at around Rs 3,522 crore. TNN

No layoffs, hikes deferred by at least a qtr: AI mgmt

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In a morale booster for employees, loss-making Air India on Friday said it does not anticipate any layoffs even as the airline has been battling a series of black swan events for a year now.

However, annual increments "will be deferred by at least one quarter in light of the uncertain economic environment". Addressing a Town Hall Friday, outgoing CEO Campbell Wilson and CHRO Ravindra Kumar GP are learnt to have spoken about the "tough times" and the need for employees to suspend discretionary spending and defer non-critical expenditures to cut costs.

The Town Hall follows an AI board meeting on Thursday during which cost-cutting measures were discussed as the airline has lost over Rs 22,000 crore last fiscal due to multiple factors, including closure of Pakistan airspace since Operation Sindoor, then the tragic Ahmedabad AI 171 crash, the US-Iran war that has led to further lengthening of western routes along with a sharp hike in jet fuel prices and the rupee crashing.

Sources say the issue of Wilson's successor was not finalised during Thursday's board meeting.

The CHRO reportedly said AI will proceed with variable pay for FY26, continue with planned promotions while annual increments will be deferred by at least one quarter due to current uncertainty. "We don't anticipate layoffs," Kumar said.

Wilson stressed on the need to cut costs. He urged employees to suspend discretionary spending, renegotiate rates where feasible, and defer non-critical expenditures. "There must be a laser sharp focus on eliminating wastage and leakages," he said.

Britannia sees profit jump, flags cost pressures

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Bengaluru: Britannia Industries said higher fuel and freight costs linked to the West Asia conflict, along with disruption in wholesale channels following GST-related pricing changes in the biscuit market, weighed on growth during the March quarter, prompting the company to initiate calibrated price hikes and cost-control measures.

The maker of Good Day and Marie Gold biscuits reported consolidated profit of Rs 679.7 crore for the quarter ended March 31, up 21.6% from Rs 559.1 crore a year earlier. Total income rose 6.2% to Rs 4,774.4 crore. For FY26, total income increased 6.6%, while profit rose 16.5%. On the post-results analyst call, MD and CEO **Rakshit Hargave** said Britannia's domestic business was growing at 9-9.5% before moderating in March, when the company faced disruption in international operations linked to the West Asia conflict. Britannia said its international business was impacted by vessel shortages and slower regional demand, while fuel costs and ocean freight rates surged following disruption around the Strait of Hormuz. The company manufactures a significant portion of products for overseas markets in Oman and Dubai.

Hargave said Britannia has begun shifting part of its export-oriented production back to its Mundra facility to reduce dependence on West Asian shipping routes and. The company added that while wheat prices remained favourable, fuel and laminate costs had turned inflationary. Britannia said it would undertake calibrated price increases and grammage adjustments from the current quarter to offset rising input costs.

Management also pointed to temporary disruption in wholesale and rural channels after some biscuit makers introduced interim Rs 4.5 and Rs 9 packs following the GST rate reduction, while Britannia retained its Rs 5 and Rs 10 packs, which account for a large share of industry sales. "Close to 60-65% of the biscuits that we sell are at the Rs 5 and Rs 10 price point," Hargave said, adding that the resulting "dual pricing" led to uneven trade margins and slower wholesale transactions.

Tata Trusts postpone board meet to May 16

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Mumbai: A day after Bombay high court cleared the way for the board meetings to proceed, the Sir Ratan Tata Trust and the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust postponed them to May 16. A key agenda was to review nominee directors for Tata Sons.

Among the trustees, chairman Noel Tata and vice-chairman Venu Srinivasan serve as nominee directors on the Tata Sons board. The two are at odds over a potential public listing of the company, with Srinivasan in favour and Noel opposed. Srinivasan and Vijay Singh had logged in virtually for the 9 am meeting, while Jehangir Jehangir and Bhaskar Bhat had travelled to attend —the former from Pune the previous day, the latter flying in specifically for the meeting.

They were informed at the eleventh hour that the meetings had been postponed. A communique from the Tata Trusts chief executive announced the new date. The two trusts typically hold separate meetings but had planned a joint session on this occasion. Corporate lawyer Swapnil Kothari blamed the development on "rival factions" divided on crucial decisions like the public listing of Tata Sons and the reappointment of company chairman N Chandrasekaran. At the Tata Sons board meeting in Feb, Chandrasekaran's reappointment for a third term was deferred.

India emerging as a hub for app innovation: Apple

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New Delhi: Blind users struggle with navigating unfamiliar indoor spaces, reading signs or understanding visual cues. And, most people take this for granted. This problem is what pushed 20-year-old Nimar Sharma, a student at Chitkara University on the outskirts of Chandigarh, to build Blind Bridge, an accessibility-focused app that aims to make everyday navigation easier for visually impaired users. His app uses intuitive vibration-based sensing and earned Sharma a place among the distinguished winners of Apple's Swift Student Challenge 2026 — one of seven winners from India selected this year.

But beyond individual recognition, Sharma's story reflects something larger that Apple is increasingly betting on: India's rapidly growing developer ecosystem.

Speaking ahead of WWDC (Worldwide Developer Conference) 2026, Susan Prescott, VP, worldwide developer relations, Apple, said India has emerged as one of the company's most vibrant developer markets, driven by a mix of global ambition, entrepreneurship and student participation.

"It's been really exciting to see a big developer community in India now, that is still growing rapidly," Prescott said. "What's interesting is the global nature of what developers are doing in India. Many developers want to create impact locally, but also take advantage of the global reach of the App Store."

That global reach is becoming increasingly important for Indian developers. According to an Apple-backed study released in April, the App Store ecosystem in India facilitated Rs 44,447 crore in billings and sales in 2024, while global earnings of India-based developers have tripled over last five years. Close to 80% of earnings generated by Indian developers now come from users outside the country. More than 17,000 developers had been associated with the Developer Centre in Bengaluru. Back in 2023, Apple had claimed that one million jobs had been created around the developer ecosystem in India. These numbers, however, look small compared to China. There are reportedly close to two million iOS developers in China whereas the App Store billings were also ten times higher than that of India.

However, Apple says the App Store ecosystem now spans 175 storefronts globally, allowing Indian developers to scale internationally far faster than before. In 2024 alone, apps developed in India were downloaded more than 755 million times worldwide through the App Store.

A key part of Apple's India push has been the Apple Developer Center, where Apple engineers work directly with developers through workshops, one-on-one technical sessions and mentoring programmes.

Google exploring AI investments: Vaishnaw

Bengaluru: Google is exploring investments in India spanning artificial intelligence infrastructure as well as server and drone manufacturing, Union IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Friday, signalling a possible expansion of the tech giant's ambitions in the country beyond cloud and startup initiatives. "Google is exploring investments in India across AI infrastructure and the manufacturing of servers and drones," Vaishnaw said in a post on X after meeting Google executives. The reference to manufacturing is significant as Google's India investments have so far largely centred on cloud, AI skilling and startup ecosystem programmes rather than local hardware production. TNN

Ravi Pandit, architect of KPIT's global mobility push, dies at 76

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Ravi Pandit, co-founder and chairman of KPIT Technologies, passed away in Pune on Friday. He was 76. An alumnus of the MIT Sloan School of Management, he transformed the company into a software-defined mobility powerhouse, with operations across 15 countries and a strong focus on automotive engineering solutions. KPIT's technologies today power millions of vehicles across the US, Europe and Asia, enabling advances in autonomous driving, electrification, connected mobility and clean energy systems.

KPIT was conceived in Pune during the late 1980s and early 1990s, when the city was emerging as a significant technology and startup hub. Pandit and Kishor Patil, both chartered accountants and partners at Kirtane & Pandit Chartered Accountants, founded the company with the ambition of building a global technology enterprise. They were later joined by Shirish Patwardhan and Sachin Tikekar as co-founders. Initially incubated within the accounting firm, KPIT evolved into an independent technology company focused on engineering and mobility innovation. Its 1999 IPO, which was oversubscribed nearly 50 times. Between 2002 and 2013, the company strengthened its engineering capabilities through acquisitions such as CG Smith, the TVS Harita Mechanical Engineering team and Germany-based in2Soft Diagnostics.

In 2013, KPIT Cummins Infosystems rebranded as KPIT Technologies and accelerated its push into mobility software products, including hybrid electric vehicle technologies, intelligent transportation systems and connected mobility platforms. In 2018, KPIT and Birlasoft undertook a merger-demerger that created two separate entities.

Beyond business, Pandit played an influential role in public policy, sustainability and institution-building. He co-founded Pune International Centre and Janwani, supported research initiatives at Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (GIPE), and served on the boards of Thermax , World Resources Institute India and Aga Khan Rural Support Programme India.

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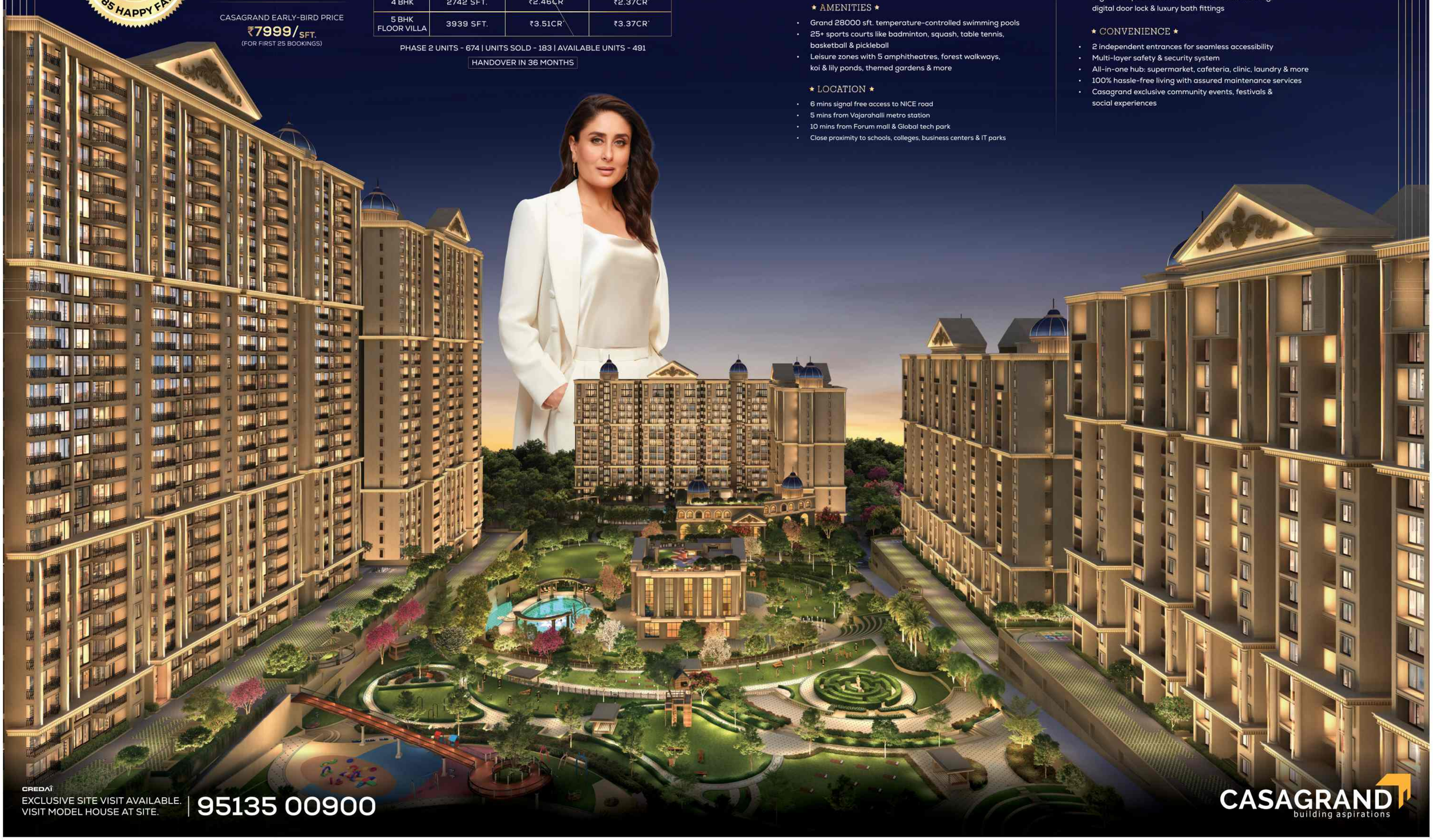

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Glow hard: Trump's N-threat grows darker in face of Iranian defiance

Renewed Fighting Flares In Gulf Region

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: US President Donald Trump continued his blow hot-blow cold approach towards Iran as both sides exchanged fire in the Strait of Hormuz on Thursday amid a diplomatic impasse. While the global community appeared to be coming to a realisation that Washington may have overestimated its hand in the conflict, signs of Iranian resilience and defiance prompted Trump to issue what was seen as another veiled nuclear threat against a country he has repeatedly threatened to eviscerate.

While insisting that the ceasefire with Iran is still in effect despite escalating hostilities in the Gulf, Trump told reporters, "If there's no ceasefire, you're not going to have to know. You're just going to have to look at one big glow coming out of Iran." The "one big glow" remark sounded close to a nuclear threat, and he followed it with another ultimatum: "They better sign the agreement fast... If they don't sign, they're going to have a lot of pain."

The comments came after renewed missile exchanges, drone attacks and naval skirmishes in and around the Gulf on Thursday, even as Washington insists negotiations with Tehran are still alive. Administration officials later attempted to soften the nuclear threat interpretation, arguing the president was referring broadly to US military power.

Trump's threats also landed awkwardly alongside fresh intelligence leaks suggesting the US may not hold as commanding a hand as the White House projects publicly. A classified CIA assessment estimates Iran still retains roughly 70% of its missile-launch capability and has resumed portions of its missile production network even though Trump has boasted of having decimated them, leaving Iran with less than 20% capacity. Iran's foreign minister Abbas Aragchi appeared to taunt and troll Trump on the issue, claiming Tehran's missile inventory and launch capacity is at 120%, well above US assessments.

"Every time a diplomatic solution is on the table, the US opts for a reckless military adventure. Is it a crude pressure tactic? Or the result of a spoiler once again duping POTUS into another quagmire?" Araghchi said in a post on X as reports in the US media began questioning Trump's assertions about Iran folding.

The intelligence findings undercut repeated White House claims that Tehran is on the verge of military and economic collapse. Instead, intelligence officials reportedly warned that Iran appears prepared for a long war of attrition, banking on Washington's limited political patience and growing strains on US military inventories.

Those concerns were amplified by another report reverberating through strategic circles in Washington. Under the striking headline "China Sees a 'Giant With a Limp' as US Drains Weapons on Iran War", analysts close to Beijing argued that America's prolonged Iran campaign is steadily weakening its deterrence posture in the Pacific, especially over Taiwan.

Chinese analysts reportedly believe the Iran conflict is exposing vulnerabilities in US logistics, missile stockpiles and political endurance — an assessment likely to sharpen Beijing's leverage in future negotiations with Washington. Trump is scheduled to visit Beijing later this month, and for now, the image emerging from both reports is of a superpower trying to sound like a colossus while quietly confronting the arithmetic of overstretch.

That contradiction was visible again Thursday as Trump simultaneously boasted that Iran had been "blown away in two minutes" after fresh clashes in the Gulf, while also insisting negotiations were "going very well". The US president has also become a constant butt of jokes on late night television tapping into growing public disquiet over yet another distant war.

The latest military exchanges began late Wednesday when Iranian drones and anti-ship missiles reportedly targeted US naval assets escorting commercial shipping near Hormuz. Pentagon officials said American destroyers intercepted multiple projectiles, though regional reports suggested at least one vessel sustained minor damage. Iran, meanwhile, accused Washington of violating the ceasefire framework through continued maritime interdictions and air surveillance operations near Iranian territory.

A woman at a Tehran rally to mourn for Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and pledge allegiance to incumbent Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei

Sporadic clashes in Strait of Hormuz

Sporadic clashes between Iranian forces and US vessels were taking place in the Strait of Hormuz Friday, Iran's Fars news agency reported. Another news agency cited an Iran military source saying the situation had calmed, but warning more clashes were possible. The US military said it struck two Iran-linked vessels attempting to enter an Iran port, and a jet forced them back. AP

Rubio to Europeans: Share the burden

In Rome Friday, Marco Rubio said he expected to hear from Iran on the US proposal, and urged Europeans to help secure the strait. "The world has to start asking itself, what is it willing to do if Iran tries to normalise control of an international waterway?" he told reporters after meeting PM Meloni. The appeal was aimed at nations Trump criticised for not helping the US. AGENCIES

Miffed UAE expels Pak workers as rift widens

Pakistan's mediation seems to be creating problems with longtime partner UAE, with the Persian Gulf country expelling Pakistani workers on a large scale, threatening to cut off a vital source of jobs for Islamabad. UAE appears to be upset that Pakistan has not condemned Iranian strikes on the Emirates, according to a report in The New York Times.

NYT interviewed more than 20 Pakistani Shias working in the Emirates who said they were suddenly arrested, detained and deported. It is estimated that thousands of Pakistani Shias have been deported from UAE since mid-April.

While the Pakistani foreign ministry has denied that its citizens have been deported en masse and did not respond to questions about whether Shias were singled out, ministry spokesman Tahir Andrabi said the expulsions were of those who had committed crimes. UAE did not respond to a request for comment.

In a sign of rising resentment, UAE had last month recalled a $3.5 billion loan to Pakistan — nearly a fifth of the country's foreign reserves. Saudi Arabia stepped in and offered a $3 billion deposit. More than two million Pakistanis live in UAE, sending over $8 billion in remittances last year.

The deportations described by Pakistani workers seem similar to reports of some Iranians in the Emirates. TNN

3 wounded in UAE in strikes by Iran

UAE said it responded to another Iranian missile barrage on Friday, hours after US said it traded fire with Iranian forces. The defence ministry said three people were wounded after air defences engaged two ballistic missiles and three drones launched by Iran. It was not clear if all were intercepted. Authorities told people to stay away from any fallen debris. AGENCIES

Ka$h and Carry: Patel's FBI goes full happy hour

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

AI image

Washington: In the annals of FBI history, J Edgar Hoover handed out souvenir fingerprint cards. Robert Mueller handed out stern lectures. James Comey handed out lengthy moral reflections. Under Kash Patel, whose customary greeting to abstemious fellow Gujaratis is "Jai Shri Krishna", the bureau has apparently entered a Bourbon era.

Washington is still digesting spirited revelations from the Atlantic that Patel — already embroiled in controversy over allegations of excessive drinking that he vehemently denies — has been distributing personalised bottles of Woodford Reserve engraved with "Kash Patel FBI Director", complete with an FBI shield, an eagle, and the stylised moniker "Ka$h". The follow-up report by Sarah Fitzpatrick — the same reporter Patel is suing for $250 million — described how the bottles of bourbon allegedly travelled aboard DOJ aircraft, appeared at official events, and even accompanied Patel on a trip to Milan during the Winter Olympics.

One bottle reportedly turned up later on an online auction site after being gifted at a Las Vegas event. Another was allegedly left behind in a locker room after Patel celebrated with the US men's hockey team over beers — behaviour that reportedly irritated the famously teetotalling Donald Trump.

Trumpworld increasingly resembles a White House happy hour that nobody officially acknowledges.

Defence secretary Pete Hegseth has faced scrutiny over allegations concerning his drinking habits, which he has denied. Trump's labour secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer allegedly drank in her office during work hours and kept an alcohol "stash" in her office. And former Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani became a frequent subject of jokes over his fondness for drink.

FBI insists the gifts are ethical and consistent with longstanding traditions involving commemorative items. An FBI spokesperson said senior officials have exchanged such gifts for years and maintained Patel personally pays for any gifts himself. Still, several current and former FBI personnel quoted by the Atlantic said the scale and personalisation of the bourbon gifting struck them as unusual, uncomfortable, and inconsistent with the bureau's traditionally strict culture regarding alcohol.

Reform UK sees big gains as voters punish Starmer's Labour

Naomi Canton

Reform UK's Nigel Farage said Starmer would 'be lucky to still be PM by mid-summer'

London: Nigel Farage's Reform UK party had scooped up the most council seats in local elections in England by Friday night, even taking control of its first London council, as angry voters booted out hundreds of Labour and Conservative councillors in their traditional heartlands.

By then, even though results continued to come in overnight for the 5,000 seats, Reform had gained nearly 900 councillors, Labour had lost nearly 700 and the Conservatives had lost over 400. Reform UK had gained six councils whilst Labour had lost control of 15. The Greens party had gained 175 councillors and the Lib Dems had gained 68. Britain's long established two-party politics is now dead and a new era of five-party politics has begun.

By Friday night, Labour was on course to get the worst set of results in its history, with the unpopularity of Keir Starmer coming up repeatedly on doorsteps. Starmer said he would not "walk away and plunge the country into chaos". Some unions and Labour MPs want him to leave and rumours continue to swirl of leadership challenges.

"Labour are being wiped out by Reform," Farage said.

Conservatives had little to celebrate other than taking back Westminster city council. The Green party won its first directly elected mayor in Hackney. "It is very clear the new politics is Green party versus Reform," said Green leader Zack Polanski.

In Scotland and Wales, all seats in their parliaments are also being contested. Labour lost the Welsh parliament for the first time since it was formed in 1999.

Hezbollah fires rockets as Israel kills 5 in Lebanon

Beirut: Israeli airstrikes on southern Lebanon killed at least five people on Friday, while Hezbollah fired rockets on northern Israel without inflicting any casualties.

The strikes came hours after the Israeli army's Arabic-language spokesperson issued an evacuation warning to the residents of six villages in Tyre province, including Toura. A ceasefire has been in place since April 17, but violence has continued, including an Israeli airstrike on Beirut's southern suburbs on Wednesday. AP

Proceedings against S Africa prez revived

Johannesburg: South Africa's constitutional court revived on Friday impeachment proceedings against President Cyril Ramaphosa over a scandal dubbed 'Farmgate' by local media, saying Parliament had acted unlawfully by blocking the process in 2022.

The scandal centred on allegations made by a former intelligence official that Ramaphosa tried to cover up the theft of about $4 million in foreign currency stashed in furniture at his Phala Phala game farm in 2020. REUTERS

SriLankan Airlines ex-CEO found dead

Colombo: Former SriLankan Airlines CEO Kapila Chandrasena was found dead at his home in suspicious circumstances on Friday, police said. He had been granted bail on Tuesday in a case where he was charged for taking a kickback on the purchase of aircraft.

According to the police, he died of hanging. The development comes a day after Colombo chief magistrate Asanga S Bodaragama issued a warrant for Chandrasena's arrest over allegations that bail conditions had been violated. PTI

INDONESIA VOLCANO ERUPTS

AP

An eruption of Mount Dukono on a remote Indonesian island killed three hikers, authorities said Friday. About 20 climbers set out to ascend the nearly 1,355-metre volcano on Halmahera, in defiance of safety restrictions, the police chief said. Dukono erupted at 7.41am. Officials evacuated 17 people. Two Singaporeans and one Indonesian died

Catch-22 for visa applicants as US adds 2 more questions

Lubna Kably

Non-immigrant visa applicants to the US now have to deal with two additional questions: Have you experienced harm or mistreatment in your country of nationality or last habitual residence? Do you fear harm or mistreatment in returning to your country of nationality or permanent residence?

An affirmative answer to either could result in a visa denial. The catch — if the situation in their home country changes and they wish to apply for asylum, they may be denied the same.

More than 41,000 Indians have applied for asylum in the US in 2023. A significant portion of them, from Punjab and Gujarat, have largely crossed the borders illegally.

Immigration experts say these two questions are aimed at legal immigrants who could end up seeking asylum after entering the US.

Ellen Freeman, a Pittsburg-based immigration attorney, said, "US consular officers will be instructed to rigorously apply section 214(b) of Immigration and Nationality Act to applicants subject to that provision." This section states that every non-immigrant visa applicant (for example, tourists or students) is presumed to be an intending immigrant. If a consular officer is not convinced that the individual concerned has strong ties with his/her home country and will return, the visa is denied. "For H-1B and L-1 (intra-company transfer cases) visa applicants, refusals would be under Section 221(g)," she added.

"An applicant who receives a visa based on a negative response to the questions and later applies for asylum in the US could be challenged on the veracity of their claim against their statement at the visa interview," said Freeman.

US launches review of Mexican consulates

The Trump administration is conducting a review of the 53 Mexican consulates in the US, a move that could lead some of them to be closed, a state department official has said. No reason was given for the review, but it is likely to further inflame tensions between the countries. President Donald Trump has engaged more aggressively in Latin America than any US president in recent decades, capturing Venezuela's leader, imposing an oil blockade on Cuba, getting involved in Argentine and Honduran elections, and threatening military action on Mexican cartels. Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum has sought to maintain a strong relationship with Trump and offset US threats by cracking down heavily on Mexican cartels. AP

2 Indians in crew of hantavirus-hit ship

Times News Network

WHO said a flight attendant who was in contact with a woman who died had tested negative

New Delhi: There are two Indian crew members on board cruise ship MV Hondius, which has seen a hantavirus outbreak. According to information shared through International Health Regulations channels, they are asymptomatic and under observation.

Experts, however, say there is no immediate concern as sporadic cases have been reported in India earlier.

A senior health ministry official said WHO was coordinating response measures, including diagnostic support, epidemiological assessment, and arrangements for safe disembarkation, under International Health Regulations mechanism. The Public Health Emergency Operations Centre under IDSP-NCDC has held a review meeting to assess the situation.

"In cardiopulmonary hantavirus disease, mortality can reach 30-50%. However, unlike Covid-19, it is not highly contagious," said Dr GC Khilnani, chairman, PSRI Institute of Pulmonary, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine.

Dr N K Ganguly, chairperson, department of biotechnology and research at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, said India's healthcare system was better prepared after Covid-19, with hospitals capable of detecting hantavirus through testing panels.

A case report in Indian Journal of Critical Care Medicine described hantavirus pulmonary syndrome in a Mumbai woman after childbirth.

Court rules Trump tariffs illegal, issues narrow block

New York: A US trade court dealt another blow to President **Donald Trump**'s tariff strategy, ruling his latest 10% temporary global duties were unjustified under a 1970s trade law, but blocked the levies only for two private importers and the state of Washington.

The US court of international trade's 2-1 decision leaves temporary tariffs in place for all other importers. They are expected to expire in July.

The administration has appealed against the order.

The court ruled that Trump's imposition of the tariffs under Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974 was misguided. One of the judges said it was premature to grant victory to the plaintiffs.

While the ruling applies to a set of levies due to expire in about two months, it marks another major setback for Trump's global tariff ambitions and comes a week before he is due to discuss trade tensions with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing.

It sets the stage for another protracted legal battle over billions of dollars worth of tariff refunds three months after the US Supreme Court struck down Trump's global tariffs imposed under a national emergencies law.

The New York-based trade court declined to issue an injunction that blocks the tariffs for all importers, rejecting a request from a group of 24 states, saying they did not have standing to ask for that relief. REUTERS

White House calls Hamill 'sick' for Trump grave post

Los Angeles: The White House called 'Star Wars' star **Mark Hamill** "one sick individual" on Thursday after an AI-generated image of US President Donald Trump in a shallow grave was posted on one of the actor's social media accounts.

"If Only" was inscribed on the image of the president lying with his eyes closed adjacent to a gravestone, surrounded by daisies, with the inscription "Donald J. Trump 1946-2024". The image was posted on Hamill's verified Bluesky account.

Hamill, who played Luke Skywalker in the classic 'Star Wars' films that debuted in 1977, wrote that Trump "should live long enough to witness his inevitable devastating loss in the midterms, be held accountable for his unprecedented corruption, impeached, convicted & humiliated for his countless crimes. Long enough to realize he'll be disgraced in the history books, forevermore."

The White House responded on X. "These Radical Left lunatics just can't help themselves," a post said. "This kind of rhetoric is exactly what has inspired three assassination attempts in two years against our President."

Hamill later removed the gravestone image and sought to clarify his remarks. "Actually, I was wishing him the opposite of dead, but apologize if you found the image inappropriate," he wrote on Bluesky. REUTERS

DAILY PLANET

Astronomers get best look yet at exoplanet surface

AP

One of four bejewelled skeletons at the Catholic monastery church of Banz in Germany. They are the remains of catacomb saints brought from Rome in the late 17th and 18th century

Astronomers have got their clearest look yet at the surface of an exoplanet thanks to Nasa's James Webb Space Telescope. Webb gathered data on a rocky exoplanet with a diameter about 30% larger than Earth that indicates it is an airless world whose surface may resemble that of Mercury. Its lack of a discernible atmosphere and its extreme temperatures — fiercely hot on one side and frigid on the other — seem to render it uninhabitable. The planet is called LHS 3844 b, or Kua'kua, the word for butterfly in a language spoken in Costa Rica. It orbits a star smaller than the sun, about 49 light years from Earth. "It's a hellish, barren rock," said astronomer Laura Kreidberg, managing director of Max Planck Institute for Astronomy and senior author of the study published in Nature Astronomy.

Ant attack on Canada hosp, surgeries cancelled

Carman Memorial Hospital in Manitoba province of Canada is grappling with an extremely unusual but serious problem, due to which several surgeries have had to be postponed indefinitely. Ants have started appearing in the hospital's operation theatre, corridors, and even under doors. Southern Health-Sante Sud, which operates the hospital, has stated that 16 scheduled surgeries have been cancelled or postponed.

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BCCI SOUNDS IPL ALERT OVER HONEY-TRAP RISKS

Franchises Told To Strictly Tighten Hotel Access, Restrict Outsiders, Enforce Anti-Vaping & Dressing Room Protocols

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Image: AI

Mumbai: The Indian cricket board (BCCI) has warned IPL franchises about the risks of targeted honey-trapping during the league. In a detailed seven-page advisory sent to franchises on Thursday night *(TOI has a copy)*, BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia cautioned teams against situations that could lead to "serious legal allegations," including those related to "sexual misconduct" and urged managements to remain "vigilant and proactive".

"The BCCI draws the attention of franchises to the well-documented risks of targeted compromise and honey-trapping that pervade high-profile sporting environments. The possibility of incidents giving rise to serious legal allegations, including those under applicable laws on sexual misconduct, cannot be discounted," Saikia said in the advisory.

Pointing out that the BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) had reported breaches of protocol, Saikia wrote in the preamble: "It has come to the attention of the BCCI that certain incidents of misconduct and protocol violation have occurred involving players, support staff and team officials during the current IPL season.

"These incidents, if left unaddressed, carry the potential to cause significant reputational harm to the tournament, the franchise concerned and the BCCI as the governing body."

One of the major concerns highlighted was the presence of "unauthorised persons" in players' hotel rooms. "It has been observed that certain players and support staff members have permitted unauthorised persons to access their hotel rooms without the knowledge or approval of the concerned IPL franchise team manager. "In several instances, the team manager was entirely unaware of the presence of such visitors. The practice is strictly prohibited with immediate effect," the document stated.

The BCCI has now laid down Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to be strictly followed by all franchises. Saikia clarified that no outsider would be allowed into the rooms of players or support staff without prior approval from the team manager. No person, irrespective of their identity, relationship to the team member, or stated purpose, shall be permitted entry into a player's or support staff member's hotel room without explicit written approval of the team manager. Guests and visitors shall also be received exclusively in designated public areas of the hotel.

Unauthorised departures from hotels

The BCCI also flagged instances of players and support staff leaving team hotels at odd hours without informing Security Liaison Officers (SLOs). "Such departures create significant security vulnerabilities and expose individuals to risks that cannot be mitigated if the relevant personnel are uninformed," Saikia noted.

Franchise owners warned over PMOA violations

The advisory also addressed violations of the Player and Match Official Access (PMOA) protocol by franchise owners. The BCCI has now barred owners from interacting with players or team officials in dressing rooms, dugouts, or playing areas during matches.

Strict ban on vaping

The BCCI also reiterated a complete ban on vaping and prohibited substances inside tournament venues, following an incident involving Rajasthan Royals captain Riyan Parag earlier this season. "Instances of vaping within dressing rooms and other restricted areas have been brought to the BCCI's attention. The use of vapes and electronic cigarettes is prohibited under applicable Indian law," Saikia said. "Accordingly, the use of vapes, e-cigarettes and all prohibited substances is strictly banned within all IPL venues, including dressing rooms, dugouts, hotels and practice facilities."

Surprise checks to be conducted

The BCCI will conduct periodic surprise checks on IPL franchises to monitor compliance with the newly-issued guidelines. The advisory warned franchises about strict consequences for any breach of the rules. "The BCCI and IPL GC wish to make it unequivocally clear that any breach set out in this advisory shall be treated as a serious disciplinary matter," Saikia wrote.

WHAT GUIDELINES MUST IPL TEAMS FOLLOW?

Dos:
- Inform the team manager before meeting any guest or visitor
- Receive visitors only in designated public hotel areas
- Follow all Security Liaison Officer (SLO) instructions
- Adhere strictly to Player and Match Official Access (PMOA) protocols
- Ensure franchise owners and staff are briefed on matchday restrictions
- Report movements outside team hotels to security officials
- Maintain discipline inside dressing rooms, hotels and practice venues

Don'ts:
- Franchise owners cannot enter dugouts or dressing rooms during matches
- Owners and associates cannot interact with players during live games
- No outsiders in hotel rooms without written approval
- No permission to leave team hotels at irregular hours without informing officials
- No prohibited substances within IPL premises
- No unauthorised access to restricted zones
- No vaping or e-cigarettes inside stadiums, hotels or practice facilities

Vaidehee, Zeel storm into semis

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FIGHTING WIN: Vaidehee

Tumakuru: Third seed Vaidehee Chaudhari edged past sixth seed Ekaterina Yashina 6-4, 6-7(5), 7-5 in a two-hour and 40-minute quarterfinal of the Tumakuru Open ITF W35 here on Friday.

Vaidehee claimed the opening set with breaks in the third and seventh games before Yashina fought back to win the second-set tiebreak. The Russian also

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earned an early break in the decider, but Vaidehee responded strongly with crucial breaks in the eighth and 12th games to secure her semifinal spot.

In the other quarterfinal, fourth seed Zeel Desai defeated Arina Arifullina in a tight 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 match.

The Indians will now face top seed Justina Mikulskyte and second seed Zuzanna Pawlikowska in the semifinals. Vaidehee will go up against Justina in the first semifinal, and Zeel will face Pawlikowska in the second last-four contest.

Results: Singles (Quarterfinals): 4-Zeel Desai (IND) bt Arina Arifullina 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; 2-Zuzanna Pawlikowska (POL) bt 5-Elina Nepliy 1-6, 7-5, 3-0 (retired); 3-Vaidehee Chaudhari (IND) bt 6-Ekaterina Yashina 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-5; 1-Justina Mikulskyte (LTU) bt Ksenia Laskutova 5-7, 6-0, 6-2.

IPL's 'reel' life under the scanner

Commentators Reprimanded, Players & Families Warned As BCCI, Franchises Begin Crackdown On Social-Media Practices That Invite Potential Anti-Corruption Breaches

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New Delhi: As the Indian cricket board (BCCI) gets aggressive with the implementation of its anti-corruption guidelines in the IPL, it has started to come down heavily on players, officials, family of team members and broadcasters who create social-media content, TOI has learnt.

A few former cricketers who are working as broadcasters have already been reprimanded by the board for making videos near the players and match officials area (PMOA) during this season. Ahead of the IPL, the board had shared stricter guidelines with the broadcasters, including guidelines for crew.

"There have been a few breaches by a few commentators. One former international cricketer was found making videos on his phone near the dugout in a tense situation of a match. The BCCI team acted swiftly and got him to stop the recording. There could be a case of sending legal notices to an ex-cricketer who was found filming for his YouTube channel. The board has clearly mentioned that anybody wearing BCCI and IPL official attire can't be seen filming at the ground," BCCI sources said.

The 'honey traps' the BCCI is concerned about also stems from the players' growing proximity with influencers and vloggers. There is also fear that the new crop of cricketers are getting too obsessed with putting out a lot of content on social media. An India cricketer has already been told to curb his habit of posting content on his team's travel and other whereabouts.

It has also been noticed, unfavourably, that franchises have hired social media influencers and given them unfiltered access within the team. "The reel culture has led to many violations of late. There are a few Indian players who post videos on match days, just before a match and immediately after the conclusion of the match," the source said. A former India cricketer was previously asked not to post content on his YouTube channel during an ongoing series. It is also learnt that immediate families of players have been told to refrain from posting pictures and videos during the IPL.

The board had previously warned an India fast bowler after he was found promoting a video of the Indian team's accommodation facilities created by his wife. There have been instances in the IPL where a player almost reveals if he is in the playing XI on match days through such reels.

Focus on senior players, state leagues

The ACU has flagged the issue of senior international players alowing their family/friends to travel in the team bus. Focus is also on the local T20 leagues hosted by state associations. "There are BCCI ACU officers in team hotels in the local T20 leagues as well. BCCI's anti-corruption guidelines are applicable in these leagues. There are anti-corruption sessions with players, team officials and team owners but there have been a few IPL players who have taken liberties and brought in unauthorised guests to team hotels in some of the local T20 leagues. These are poor examples for young cricketers who make it to the IPL through these leagues," BCCI sources said. It is likely that all state T20 leagues will enforce the revised guidelines issued by the board.

Mysuru to host India's L'Etape event

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Bengaluru: Karnataka will host India's first-ever L'Etape by Tour de France on Oct 4, bringing the globally recognised cycling experience to Mysuru.

The event will feature four categories catering to different

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age groups and skill levels — a 100-km race for competitive cyclists, a 50-km ride for fitness enthusiasts, a 20-km family fun ride, and a 1-km kids and community ride. The routes will pass through Mysuru and the KRS region, showcasing scenic roads and heritage landmarks.

Speaking at the launch, NEB Sports chairman Nagaraj Adiga said that the event aims to promote fitness, sustainability and sports tourism, while placing India on the global cycling map.

On Mysuru being the chosen city, Dara Rith, Amaury Sport Organisation's project manager, said, "Mysuru checked all the boxes for us as a host city, especially with its scenic roads, good riding conditions, and heritage landmarks." L'Etape by Tour de France is currently organised in more than 20 countries worldwide. —Jia Khosla

Abhinav, Hardik advance; Shaina cruises into semis

Bengaluru: Karnataka's Abhinav Garg outplayed Bala Pranay to march into the semifinals of the All India Junior Ranking badminton tournament here on Friday. In the quarterfinal contest at the KBA courts here, the fourth-seeded Abhinav handed unseeded Pranay a 21-19, 21-7 defeat. Meanwhile, Hardik Diyansh joined statemate Abhinav in the semifinals with a fighting 21-19, 19-21, 21-18 win over Tamil Nadu shuttler Saivasan B.

In a girls' quarterfinal match, top seed Shaina Manimuthi lived up to her top billing for a 21-13, 21-19 victory against Durga Esha.

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Results (Quarterfinals): U-19: Boys: Singles: U-19: Akhil Reddy (Tel) bt Dhyan Santosh (Kar) 21-12, 21-16; 4-Abhinav Garg (Kar) bt Bala Pranay (AP) 21-19, 21-7; Gnana Dattu (Tel) bt Tanmainihal Uttam (Tel) 21-11, 21-16; Hardik Divyansh (Kar) bt Saivasan B (TN) 21-19, 19-21, 21-18. **Doubles:** Pavan S/Punith S (Kar) bt Rishav Ngangom/Mangsuan Vemai (MNP) 18-21, 21-19, 21-14. **Girls: Singles:** 1-Shaina Manimuthi (Kar) bt Durga Esha (AP) 21-13, 21-19; Akshita Gulia (Har) bt Avni Vikram (Tel) 21-16,15-21, 21-18; 5-Tanvi Patri bt Tanvi Reddy (Tel) 17-21, 22-20, 22-20. **Doubles:** Diya Bheemaiah (Kar)/8-Baruni Parshwal (Har) bt Riddhi Bhardwaj (UP)/Shambhavi Rauthan (UTR) 13-21, 22-20, 21-9; Varna Prabhuanand (TN)/Suhina Roy (Kar) bt Skiedeep Kour (J&K)/Nandita Thomas (Ker) 21-15, 21-10. **Mixed Doubles:** Saimunmawia Sailo/7-Rishita Pandey (Tel) bt Arnav Sharma/Bhavishya Changmai (Asm) 21-17, 21-12; Jangjeet Singh/2-Angel Pinera (UTR) bt Showrya Kiran/Keerthy Manchala (Tel) 18-21, 21-14, 24-22.

Excellent Lass best

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Bengaluru: Excellent Lass—from the stables of Rajesh Narredu—to be ridden by Yash Narredu, is fancied to win the Kunigal Stud Trophy, the main event of the summer at the Bangalore Turf Club here on Friday. First race starts at 3 pm.

1. The Chantille Plate -1500M: Alamgir 1, Star Of India 2. **2. The Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti Trophy -1300M:** Circle Of Dreams 1, Waitara 2. **3. The Dupont Plate -1200M:** Annabelle 1, Husanara 2. **4. The Kunigal Stud Trophy -1200M:** Excellent Lass 1, Kalamitsi 2. **5. The Dean Stephens Memorial Trophy -1400M:** Siege Storm 1, The Archer 2. **6. The Azhar Plate - 1200M:** Final Call 1, Super Kind 2.
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Neeraj eyes cautious comeback after long rehab

Star Javelin Thrower May Be Seen In Action In Poland, Finland Meets Starting Late May

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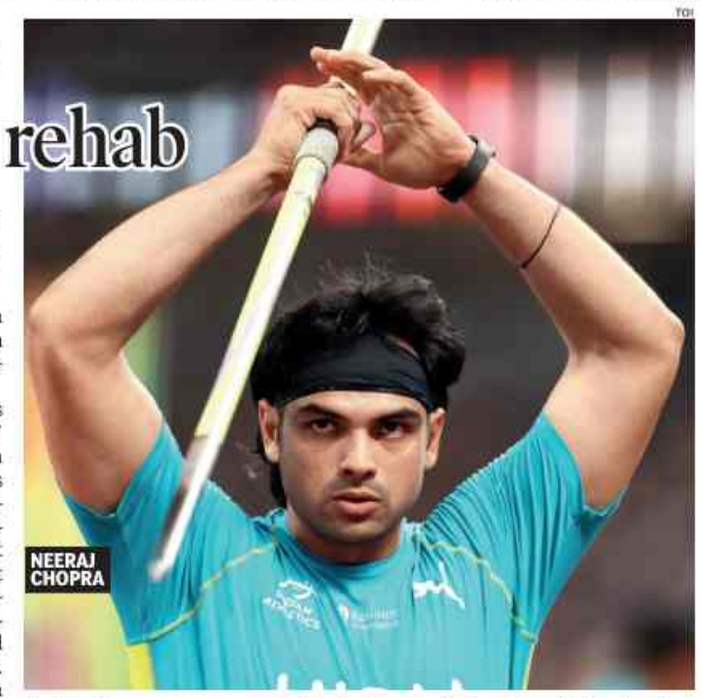

New Delhi: India's javelin superstar Neeraj Chopra may have been absent from the global athletics circuit for months but the Olympic and world champion is now edging closer to a return, following an extensive period of rehabilitation and technical rebuilding aimed at preserving his body for the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028.

The 28-year-old from Panipat has not competed for 232 days, as of May 8, since an eighth-place finish at the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo last Sept — the first time since his historic gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021 that he failed to finish on the podium. As the current international athletics season gathers momentum ahead of key events such as the Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, Diamond League meetings and the World Athletics Ultimate Championships, Chopra's fans have been eagerly awaiting his comeback.

While Chopra may be still exploring the option of competing at the Glasgow CWG, his immediate focus remains defending the Asian Games title in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. With that in mind, his potential comeback events could be Irena Szewiska Memorial in Poland on May 29, the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland on June 3, the Ostrava Golden Spike in Czechia on June 16 and the FBK Games in the Netherlands on June 21, sources indicated to TOI.

According to sources, officials from the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) recently spoke with Chopra regarding his return plans and were informed that his rehabilitation phase is nearing completion. Chopra has spent the past several months focusing almost entirely on recovery and rehabilitation from multiple physical setbacks, including groin, ankle and back-related issues, sources said. "After the Tokyo Worlds, Chopra realised that recovery had to become a top priority. He had been carrying groin and back problems for a while which affected both his preparation and performance. Since then, most of his work has revolved around rehabilitation, regaining mobility and rebuilding full fitness," the source said.

Chopra initially trained at his long-time off-season base in Potchefstroom, South Africa, before recently shifting to Antalya, Turkey, where he is now preparing under trusted coach Jaiveer Chaudhary and physiotherapist Ishaan Marwaha. The move has allowed him to focus on controlled training sessions rather than immediate competition pressure.

"He has now started preparing specifically for competition again. Earlier, his sessions were centered around gym work, recovery and restoring fitness levels. The focus has gradually shifted towards event-specific training. Rather than rushing back into elite-level competition, Chopra has been advised to ease into the season through relatively smaller invitational meets. The idea is to gradually build rhythm and confidence instead of pushing too hard in a major event immediately. Managing workload is crucial because the larger objective is to keep him healthy for the next Olympic cycle," the source explained.

Chopra was originally expected to begin his season at the Doha Diamond League on May 8 but the event was postponed to June 19 because of the ongoing West Asia conflict. During his training stint in Antalya, Chopra is also believed to have made important technical adjustments to his throwing mechanics, particularly his "blocking" movement – the crucial landing phase after release that prevents athletes from crossing the foul line.

"It was not the throw itself causing problems," the source said. "The stress came from the landing and the way he blocked his body after release. He has worked extensively on that aspect, along with modifying his throwing pattern. He has even replaced long-distance running with sprint-focused work to reduce strain."

With the LA Games firmly in his sights, Chopra is expected to continue training under Chaudhary without bringing in a foreign coach.

In a first, U-17 girls make Asian Cup knockouts

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India earned a historic maiden qualification to the knockout stage at the AFC U-17 Women's Asian Cup in Suzhou (China). On Friday, Pritika Barman scored a brace while Alva Devi Senjam and Joya got the goals as India trounced Lebanon 4-0 in Suzhou, China.

In the quarterfinals on Monday, India will face hosts China, who registered comfortable wins against Vietnam (3-0), Thailand (6-0) and Myanmar (6-0) in the group stage. A win in the quarter-final will secure qualification for the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in Morocco later this year.

India's place in the quarterfinals was confirmed as the second best third-placed team from Group C after Chinese Taipei and Philippines drew goalless in the final group encounter. This is India's first win in the competition in 21 years, first knockout-stage appearance in any Asian Cup since the AFC U-16 Championship in 2018. In women's football, it is India's first Asian Cup knockout stage appearance since the AFC U-19 Women's Championship 2004, when the team also reached the quarterfinals.

Real fine Valverde and Tchouameni €500k each

Madrid: Real Madrid fined Federico Valverde and Aurelien Tchouameni 500,000 euros each on Friday after a training-ground fight that left the Uruguay midfielder with a head injury. The sanctions deepened the sense of crisis at a club facing a second successive trophy-less season, with a clash against rivals Barcelona looming on Sunday.

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The incident, which club sources said took place at Real's Valdebebas training base on Thursday, ended with captain Valverde being taken to hospital with a cut head before he was later discharged.

The club said both players had appeared before the investigator assigned to the case and accepted responsibility.

Barca eye title party in Clasico

With the sting of Champions League disappointment fading but not forgotten, Barcelona are aiming to clinch back-to-back La Liga titles on Sunday when they host bitter rivals Real Madrid.

Leading by 11 points, Hansi Flick's side only need a draw in the Clasico to be crowned champions again, although a victory against a Los Blancos team in crisis would keep them on course to make history -- and celebrate in style.

Sixth Europa final for Emery

Bimingham: Four-time Europa League winner Unai Emery booked an astonishing sixth final in the competition as a manager on Thursday when his Aston Villa team swept aside Nottingham Forest in the second leg of their all-English semifinal. Emery was delighted with how his team overturned a 1-0 deficit to Forest in the first leg of the Europa League semi-final to score four times at home and win 4-1 on aggregate. The 54-year-old Spaniard has won three times with Sevilla (2014, 2015, 2016) and once with Villarreal (2021) — either side of a defeat with Arsenal (2019) — deservedly earning him the epithet 'Mr Europa League' from fans and media.

$32,970 best available tickets for World Cup final

Washington: FIFA tripled the price of its best available tickets for the World Cup final, making $32,970 seats available for the July 19 match at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Soccer's governing body listed those seats as front category one on its sales site.

It previously had a high price of $10,990 for category one. The $10,990 category for the final was available Thursday night only as wheelchair and easy access amenity category one. AGENCIES

Swiatek battles into third round

Three-time champion Iga Swiatek battled into the third round of the Italian Open on Friday with a 6-1, 6-7 (5/7), 6-3 win over Caty McNally.

Swiatek dropped serve in the opening game at the Foro Italico but rattled off the next six to seize control against the 63rd-ranked American.

The Pole seemed on course for a routine victory when she pulled 4-2 in front in the second set, but McNally twice broke Swiatek as the Pole served for the match and then snatched the tie-break.

Swiatek again nudged ahead with a break for a 3-1 lead in the decider. McNally clawed herself level at 3-all before

POWER-PACKED: Iga Swiatek

Swiatek took the final three games to book her place in the next round, to her visible relief.

"It was a tough match, Caty really played great," said Swiatek. "I had to be patient. For sure, some mistakes happened. It was not an easy match. I'm really happy I was solid at the end and in the important moments. I kept it together."

Earlier, Aryna Sabalenka breezed into the third round with a straight-sets win over Barbora Krejcikova, 6-2, 6-3.

American star Gauff beat Valentova 6-3, 6-4 in one hour and 34 minutes in front of a sparsely-populated centre court, and will play Argentine Solana Sierra in the next round.

Jasmine Paolini launched her title defence by battling back from a set down to beat France's Leolia Jeanjean 6-7 (4/7), 6-2, 6-4. AFP

SINDAROV AVENGES DEFEAT AGAINST GUKESH IN BLITZ

Javokhir Sindarov punished D Gukesh's oversight and crushed him in the eighth round of the blitz section at GCT Rapid & Blitz meet on Friday.

The Uzbek, who will get a chance to dethrone Gukesh from the World crown later this year, had lost in the rapid section of the Poland leg of Tour in Warsaw on Wednesday. He avenged that defeat without much ado. Gukesh had been more expressive, indulging in a fist pump after beating Sindarov, but then that was a more tense game. Sindarov, on the other hand, did not show any emotion after winning as Gukesh's countenance was mirroring the ravage he faced on the board.

Sindarov bulldozed Gukesh in 38 moves from the white side of Four Knights Italian game after Gukesh played a dubious queen move (Qe7) on the 15th turn. That allowed Sindarov to win a pawn. He then just toyed with Gukesh's knights as the latter played ball. TNN

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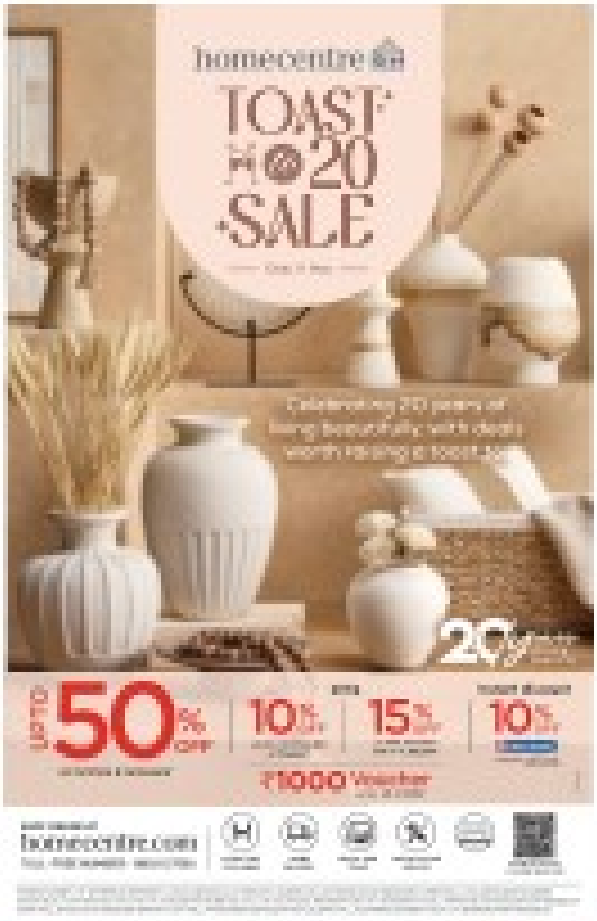

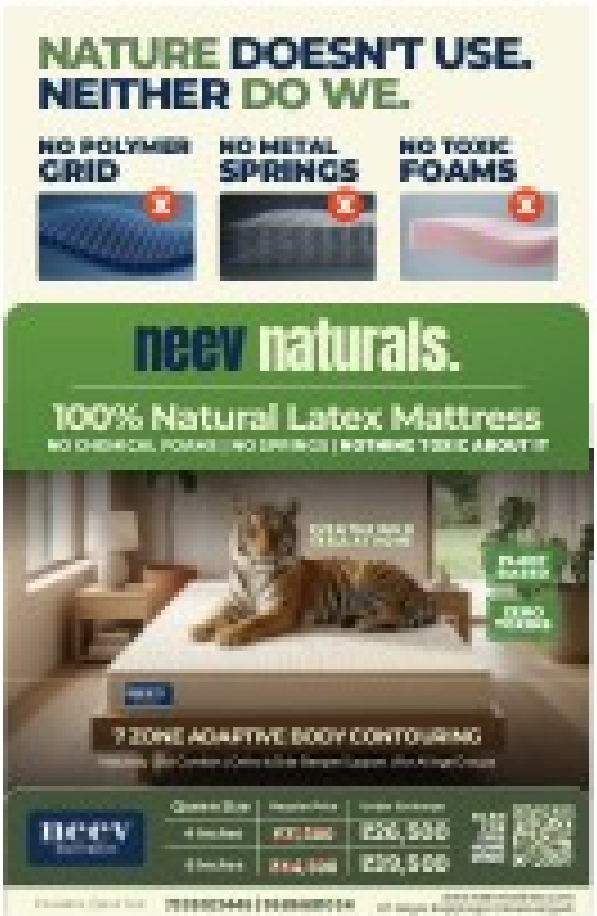

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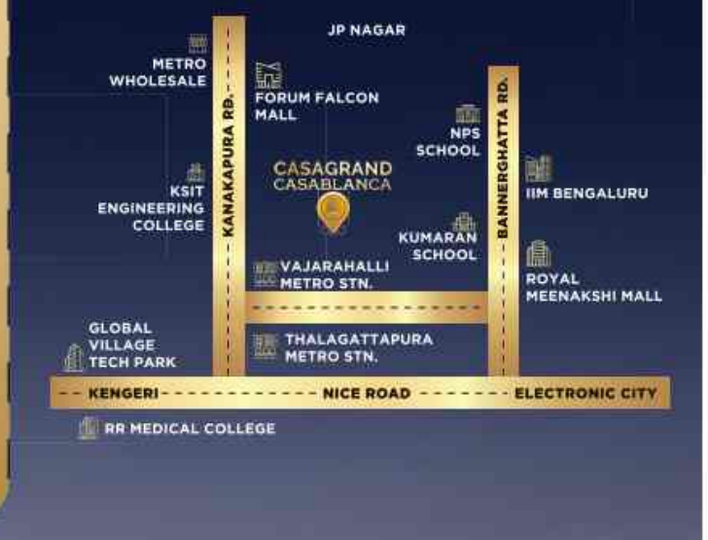

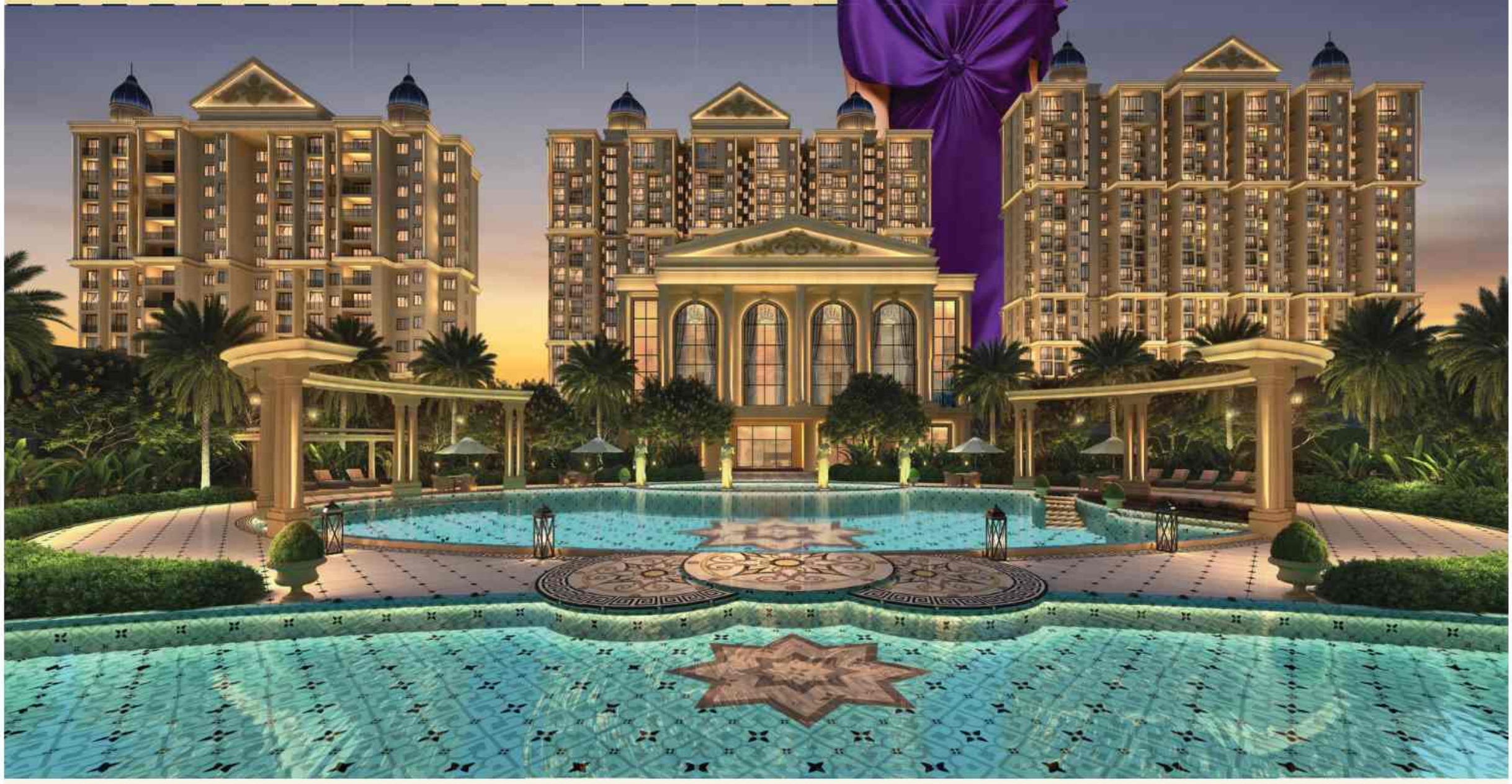

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Shapath hits 2 perfect series

India's Shapath Bharadwaj hit two perfect series and followed it up with 21 shots in the third series to end day one of the men's trap event with a total of 71 hits from 75 in the ISSF World Cup for Shotgun in Almaty, Kazakhstan on Friday. Manisha Keer, with a score of 69, was the best-placed Indian women in her trap event.

Sandhu placed T-16: Yuvraj Sandhu was the leading Indian after the opening round, as he shot 4-under 68 to be placed T-16 at the Estrella Damn Catalunya Championship golf tournament in Barcelona. He was four shots behind first round leader Shaun Norris (64) at the Real Club de Golf El Prat. The two other Indians in the field are Shubhankar Sharma (71) and Veer Ahlawat (75). Sharma was T-70 on the leaderboard while Ahlawat is placed T-136.

Mishra completes wire-to-wire victory: Anshul Mishra completed a splendid wire-to-wire victory on the final day of the IGU Andhra Pradesh Amateur Golf Championship in Visakhapatnam. On Friday, the 17-year-old shot a closing one-under 71 for a magnificent eight-shot victory over Deepak Yadav. Mishra finished with an impressive total of six-under 282 . **Final scores (after 72 holes):** 282: Anshul Mishra (70, 71, 70, 71); 290: Deepak Yadav (70, 73, 76, 71); 292: Vinamra Anand (74, 71, 72, 75).

5 boxers move into semis: Five Indian boxers progressed to the semi-finals of the Asian U17 Boxing Championships with dominating wins in Tashkent on Friday. In the quarterfinals, Yash Yadav (50kg) secured a hard-fought 4:1 victory over Kubanychbek Bolushov of Kyrgyzstan. Nivesh Pal (54kg) continued the dominance, registering a unanimous win against Shingen Kanai of Japan to book his place in the semifinals. In the 70kg category, Naman Kumar produced a commanding performance, defeating Ruzibek Miravotov of Tajikistan with a 5-0 decision. Lakshay Phogat (75kg) also impressed, securing a clinical 5-0 victory over Cheng-En Li of Chinese Taipei to progress to the last four.

Sub-junior hockey meet: Hockey Karnataka will conduct women's sub junior hockey tournament at the Hockey Stadium in Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru from May 18-23.

'Nothing bigger than PLAYING FOR INDIA'

RCB All-Rounder Krunal Pandya Explains Why Constant Reinvention Is The Only WayTo Stay Relevant

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KRUNAL PANDYA IN THE IPL

Batting	M	Runs	HS	50	Ave	SR	Ct
Overall	152	1824	86	2	22.2	132.8	54
In wins	89	1003	86	2	30.4	138.7	34
2026	10	68	28*	0	22.7	141.7	2
Bowling	**M**	**Wkts**	**Ave**	**Best**	**4WI**	**SR**	**ER**
Overall	152	103	31.6	4/45	1	25	7.55
In wins	89	74	25.1	4/45	1	20.6	7.3

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Bengaluru: Nearly 15 years ago, on matting wickets in Palej, a small town in Gujarat's Bharuch district, a lanky youngster learnt the value of adaptation. Bowling with coated balls in local village tournaments, he quickly realised there would be little assistance for spin, and survival depended on discipline, control, and innovation.

Those early lessons continue to define Krunal Pandya even today, as he features in his 11th Indian Premier League (IPL) season.

The elder brother of Hardik Pandya, who has represented India in five ODIs and 19 T20Is, Krunal has emerged as a vital cog in defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) spin attack over the past two seasons. Krunal's

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impactful spell of 2/17 in last year's final earned him the Player of the Match award and underlined his value in pressure situations. As RCB push to defend their crown, the 35-year-old left-arm spinner is also quietly nurturing hopes of an India comeback, having last worn national colours in July 2021.

One of the most experienced all-rounders in IPL, he remains driven by the urge to evolve and contribute.

In a candid conversation with **TOI**, Krunal — who has played 152 IPL matches since making his debut for Mumbai Indians in 2016 — spoke about longevity, reinventing his bowling, and his enduring India ambitions.

Excerpts:

It's your 11th year in the IPL. How do you see your evolution as a player?

When you start playing at the highest level, you want to play as long as you can. I am proud of my longevity: That I am in my 11th season shows I have gotten better. I have always focused on becoming the best version of myself. I have seen extreme situations in the past 10 years, which have only made me more humble. The goal now is to continue improving and winning for my team.

Is that where your desire to reinvent yourself comes from?

Yes. Reinventing myself is part of the process. The good thing with me is that I don't shy away from trying new things. If I believe something can work for me and give me an extra edge in the sport, I always give it a shot. But it is never about trying something flashy or doing something just to look cool. There is always a lot of logic and thought behind the changes, execution and outcome. I haven't suddenly started bowling a bouncer or a slinger overnight. There has been a lot of practice behind it.

So far as your bowling action goes, what helped you move from a collapsing front leg to a stronger vertical brace?

It is fitness. Sometimes, we don't highlight enough the work that happens behind the scenes. At the end of the day, it is important to acknowledge what has worked. For me, the fitter you are, the more things you can adapt to. Sometimes, as a cricketer or even as a person, you know what you want to improve, but your body may not allow it because you are not fit enough to adapt to new things. Trying to become the fittest version of myself has helped me develop new things in my game.

Amid your commitment towards RCB and Baroda, where does your India ambition stand?

It is right there, at the top of the table. There is nothing bigger than playing for the country. Whatever opportunities I got to represent India, I did well. I firmly believe in playing my sport at my best.

Has the release height helped you generate more bounce and zip off the surface?

Yes, obviously, I have worked a lot on my bowling. When I bowl left-arm spin now, I am much taller in my action than before. I have shortened my stride to extract more bounce because in IPL, you hardly get any turn from the wicket. So, how do I deceive batters? I have worked on my action to get that extra bounce. I have realised that the best cricket that I have played so far has come when I followed my instincts.

Can you elaborate on making the short ball a wicket-taking option?

People have emphasised a lot on the short ball I bowl. In the last two years, I saw some stats where I had bowled the maximum number of bouncers, which is strange. But I don't focus on any one particular delivery. My focus is on staying one step ahead of the batter.

Given the limited batting opportunities you've had over the past few years, how have you worked on it?

Over the past 3-4 years, I haven't had too many opportunities to bat in IPL. That said, the thought process remains the same. How can I evolve? How can I get better? In the past two years as a batting unit, we have done unbelievably well, so I don't have any complaints about me not batting enough. But yeah, whenever the opportunity comes, I will give my 100%.

Over 1,800 runs and 100-plus wickets in IPL, how satisfying is that?

If I must sum it up in one word: grateful. And for me, the icing on the cake is those four trophies (three with the Mumbai Indians).

You are not somebody who backs down from challenges. Does that come naturally to you?

Yes, I have learned that from my parents. They never back down from anything. That willpower to keep fighting and never give up comes naturally to me because of them.

Palar SC clinch 1-run thriller

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Bengaluru: Sangam Cricket Association made a mess of a comfortable chase as Palar Sports Club, Kolar, claimed a one-run thriller in the KSCA U-16 inter-club tournament here recently. Sangam, who opted to bowl, did well to restrict Palar for 129/6 with Vivek B leading the bowling attack with figures of 4 for 22. He was well-supported by Roopesh Gowda, who returned 2-21. For Palar, Lokesh VR topscored with 48. Sangam were comfortably placed, needing 10 runs off 11 deliveries.

But, the pressure got to the batting side, which lost three wickets for the addition of one run in the final over. They finished with 128/9. Vishal Reddy picked up two wickets for the winners.

Brief scores: Palar SC, Kolar: 129/6 in 20 overs (Lokesh VR 48, Likhith Gaddi 25; Roopesh Gowda 2-21, Vivek B 4-22) **bt Sangam CA: 128/9 in 20 overs** (Lakshya Chandana 28, Arnav Atul Joshi 31; Vishal Reddy 2-15).

Friends Union CC (1): 143 all out in 41.4 overs (Rishabh Gowda 31, Shrutik Ghosh 35, Aaryansinh Chavda 36; Raghavan Krishnakumar 2-19, Vehan Prabhakar 5-15) **lost to Dooravani Cricketers (1): 144/3 in 19.4 overs** (Ayaan Waheed Mohammad 67 n.o, Datta Samrudh 24 n.o; Kaushik M 2-17).

Spartons SC: 340/6 in 50 overs (Ryan Tomar 86, Vastvik Sharma 41, Hrithik Polin 95, Vikrant Budala 50; Keyur Salot 3-31) **bt Caravan Cricketers: 132 all out in 40.5 overs** (Rajveer Chowdhary 31, Ayush 25; Vivaan Singh 3-22, Tanish Bennuri 2-29, Goutham Panchariya 2-36).

Minerva CC: 151/7 in 24 overs (Preetham Ravi 26, Atharv Shrivastav 65; Abhaychandra Kallapura 2-34, Aniket Chaturvedi 3-13) **bt Vijaya CC, Malur: 112 all out in 22.2 overs** (Koneti Abhiroop Royal 44; Soumyarup Mukherjee 3-13, Arnav Mehta 2-28, Naman Chauhan 2-18, Yug Sinh Jadeja 3-27). (Start delayed due to wet outfield, later revised to 24 overs per side)

Yankees CC: 274 all out in 43.5 overs (Miraan Mahajan 58, Aradhya Sheety 99, Advik Srinivas 69; Dhruvdinesh TV 5-56, Laksh 2-50) **bt Chintamani SA: 153 all out in 32.2 overs** (Deghul M N 26 n.o, Ruhaan Shaikh 49).

Engrades CC: 231 all out in 48 overs (Samvit Shastri 59, Rohit Ketireddi 38, Sriman Alamuru 32 n.o; Darsh Raikar 2-33, Sanvith P Rai 3-28) **bt National Cricketers: 200 all out in 47.2 overs** (Muhammed Luqhman 44, Surya Sendhil 49; Sriman Alamuru 3-45, Rivansh Mohapatra 2-26, Tanish Menghani 2-41, Rohit Sai Ketireddi 2-25).

Social Cricketers: 280/4 in 50 overs (Athreya Bhat 49, Hridaan Sai 86, Rafa Ballachanda 49, Agastya Khashu 62 n.o; Aryan Kadadevarmath 2-55) **bt Sapphire CC: 136 all out in 36.3 overs** (Mokshith Bakkamanthula 27, Viresh Moktan 45; Siddhant Srikant 2-21, Vyom Naidu 4-37, Rafa Ballachanda 2-27).

Friends Union CC (2): 127 all out in 37.2 overs (Nabhanyu 25, Sonusrinivas A 24; Vijay Hanumanthappa 2-26, Souhard B 2-18, Aarav Bajaj 2-10) **lost to Bangalore United CC (1): 129/1 in 14.5 overs** (SM Bhavith 50, Aarav Bajaj 61).

Jawahar SC (2): 189 all out in 40.2 overs (Kaushik Poojary 31, Kushanand R 29, Nikhil Chethan 26; Srinath Seshadri 2-34, Arhaan Khan 3-54, Sandeep Yadav 3-25) **lost to Neptune CC: 190/3 in 27.3 overs** (Srinath Seshadri 35, Srijesh Parthiban 89; JN Jeevan 2-34).

Cabinet clears 2% quota for athletes in civil services jobs

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: In a boost for athletes, the Siddaramaiah cabinet Thursday approved 2% reservation for sportspersons in appointments to state civil services through direct recruitment, reviving a proposal that had earlier been put on hold.

HK Patil, law and parliamentary affairs minister, said the council of ministers held detailed discussions on amendments to recruitment rules proposed by department of personnel and administrative reforms

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(DPAR) before clearing the Karnataka Civil Services (General Recruitment) Amendment Rules, 2026.

"The discussions centered on the legal and procedural framework," Patil said.

The move comes months after the govt withdrew a similar notification by DPAR. The earlier order, issued through an extraordinary gazette notification in Sept 2024, had amended Rule 9 of Karnataka Civil Services (General Recruitment) Rules, 1977, by introducing sub-rule (1D) to provide 2% reservation for sportspersons.

The quota covered direct recruitment across general, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes categories for all sanctioned posts under state civil services.

That notification was put on hold in Dec 2024 following concerns over procedural and legal issues.

The Congress govt had first announced the sports quota across departments in the 2024-25 budget. Until then, reservation for sportspersons was largely restricted to police and forest departments.

Under the proposed framework, Karnataka athletes across 29 categories — from Olympians to medallists at senior south zone events — would be eligible to apply for govt jobs in consultation with the youth empowerment and sports department.

CM Siddaramaiah, who also holds the youth empowerment and sports portfolio, had in Aug handed over appointment letters to 12 sportspersons who were medallists or participants in previous editions of the Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.

The issue had triggered criticism from sections of athletes, who alleged political interference in the functioning of the Karnataka sports department and claimed deserving sportspersons were being denied opportunities.

Kaur, Jadhav in medal hunt

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Kolkata: Simranjeet Kaur and Sahil Jadhav kept India in line for two medals in individual events as they made the last-four stage of recurve and compound categories respectively at the Archery World Cup Stage II at in Shanghai on Friday.

In her maiden World Cup final stage appearance, the 27-year-old Haryana archer emerged as the unlikely hero for India after her more accomplished teammates Deepika Kumari and Ankita Bhakat crashed out early along with youngster Kumkum Mohod.

Kaur incidentally finished at the bottom of the four-woman Indian recurve contingent in Wednesday's qualification and failed to make the team event. The 15th seed Kaur swept past Fong You of Chinese Taipei in the quarters 6-0 (27-24, 28-26, 29-26) to set up a date with world No. 1 Kang Chaeyoung of South Korea in the semifinals.

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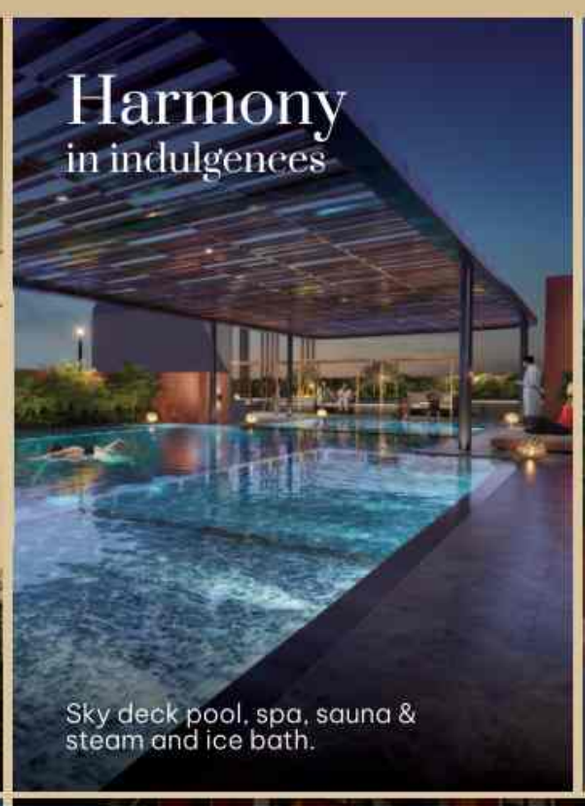

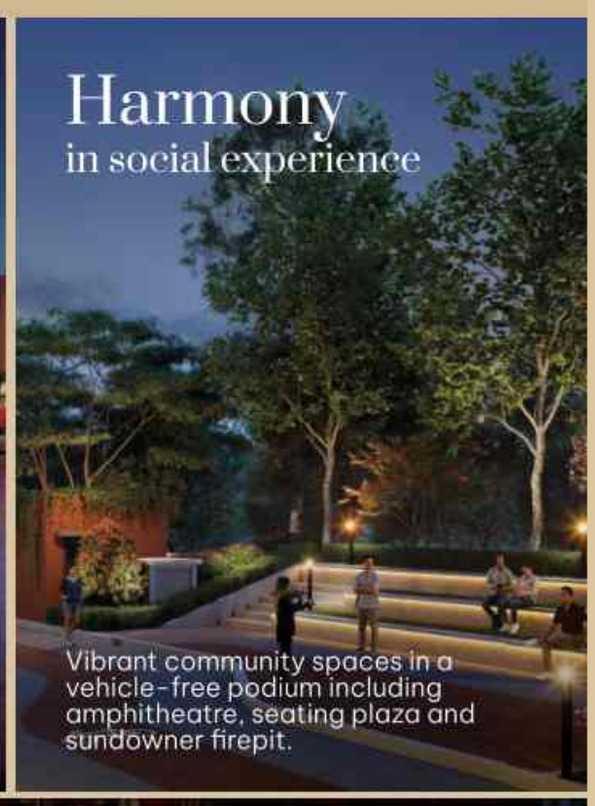
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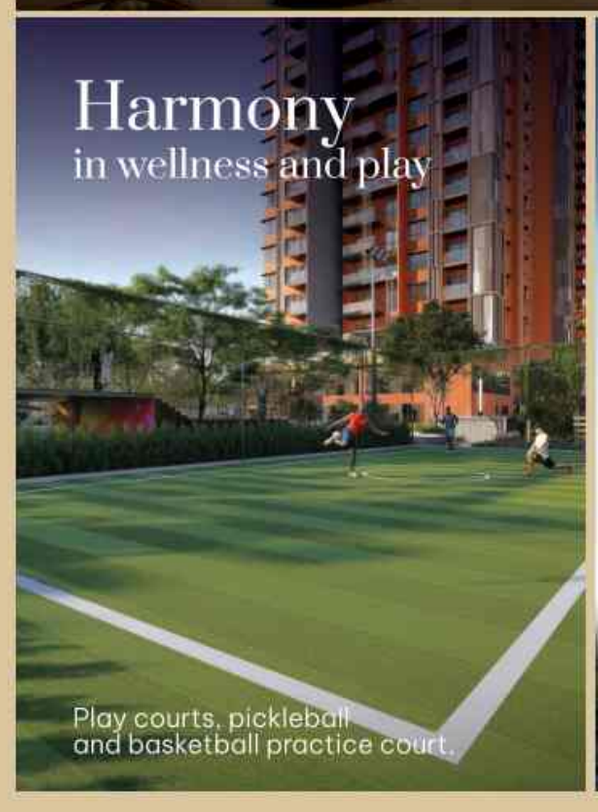

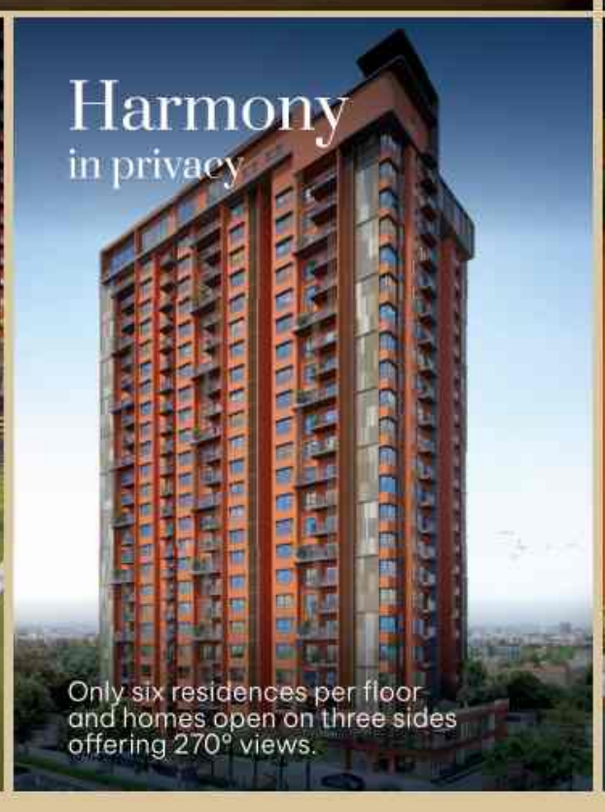

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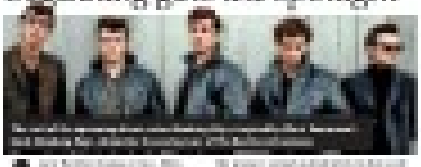

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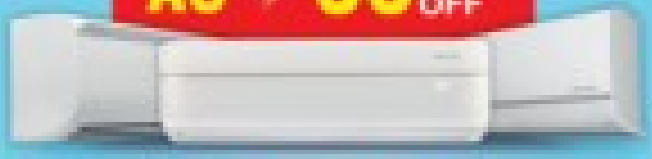

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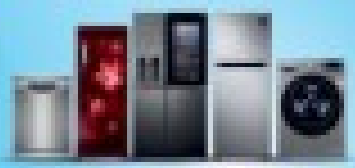

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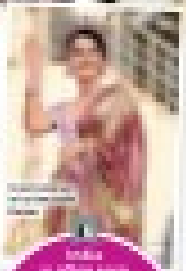

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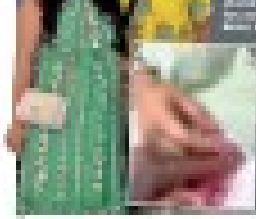
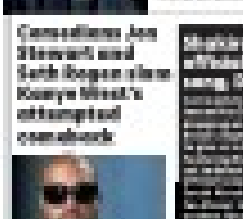
'I wasn't even into coffee, Bengaluru made me fall in love'





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